

Instructor Packet

We are so excited that you have chosen to purchase our latest book **Walk Worthy**. After reading through it, if you have an interest in using it as a Bible Study, a church group study, or perhaps desire to include it in your homeschooling curriculum, please feel free to use this instructor packet and print material as needed. An answer key will be added with an updated download available soon. Check back on our website for updates.

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Yes, we welcome your feedback!

The outline and questions for each devotion in this packet are intended to teach the user to comb through scripture and to compare scripture with scripture to see for themselves what God has to say, rather than trusting what we say in this ministry, or in relying upon men in pulpits, commentaries, opinions, and the like of other people. This method of study teaches you to consider God's Word foremost, use biblical context, study ancient history, and to encourage readers to dig into God's Word rather than to simply believe what a preacher or teacher of God's Word has to say or teaches. This method of study is crucial with so many false teachers at work in this world.

**Please note with the answers provided at the end of this document there are some "personal questions/answers that will vary according to one's opinion, heart condition, knowledge, and outlook and in some cases, there is perhaps not any "right or wrong answer.*Most often these questions are intended to accompany the writing found in Walk Worthy, however, we may include questions concerning other applications as most verses can have numerous applications in God's Word.*

The time it will take to get through each lesson depends on the number of people participating in your group and how active their participation.

Certainly, you understand this information is not exhaustive, for as you know God's Word is living, in many instances has ancient context and different dispensations along with numerous applications which can be applied today. God's Word gives wisdom and blessing beyond any daily reading, devotion, commentary, or any Bible Study material. Above all we pray that your ears are open, and your heart is ready to take in truths and precepts from His Word and for God to bless your participation in this study. (v.1WWQA2018 packet)

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1. Just, Merciful, and Humble 8

Read Micah 6:6-8, Genesis 5:22; Leviticus 26:41; 2Chronicle 30:11; 32:26; 33:12-13,19,23; 34:27; Isaiah 57:15; 66:2; Ezekiel 16:63; Daniel 4:37; Matthew 5:3; Luke 18:13-17; Romans 10:1-3; James 4:6-10; 1Peter 5:5-6

Starting with the nation Israel and continuing today, God has a plan for each life, saved or lost, and collectively for the entire family of God. Walking in a personal spiritual relationship with God requires a person to choose to either walk with God or be aligned with the god of this world. As you have read in multiple verses above, in both the Old and New Testament, God desires each of us to walk worthy.

In **(Micah 6:8)** why did God have a controversy with His people?
_____.

According to **(Micah 6:8)**, what does God require of His people?
_____.

Do you think that the people of Israel were ignorant about God or chose to ignore Him? What about people today? _____
_____.

What kinds of treasures are commonly present among lost and wounded souls? Has the accumulation of stuff in this world changed or gotten worse today? _____.

(John 3:30) contains a spiritual antidote which can be personally applied by any heart for making his or her life all about God rather than self. This can replace selfish living to intently focus on things of God but why then are people so self-centered today? _____.

2. Nature of Your Faith 9

Read 2nd Kings Chapters 4-5

Name the prophet who summoned this woman _____.

What message did this prophet have for her and why?
_____.

Was she receptive to his message? Think about her stance and heart attitude when replying to him.
_____.

This woman did bare a son, just as was predicted. What message does this give us about the working of our faith today? _____.

What was the man's name mentioned in chapter 5? _____.

How would you best describe his measure of faith? _____.

What common disease in biblical times was this man suffering from? And, why was he not healed of this disease? _____.

Does pride at work in your heart ever get in the way of blessings and healing of God?
_____.

3. A Lackluster Climate

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Read The entire chapter 28 of Isaiah, (with emphasis on 30:10-12). Psalm 50:17; Proverbs 1:29; Jeremiah 5:31; 6:10; Joh 3:19; 12:38, Ps 131:2; Matthew 11:25; 21:15-16; Mark 10:15; 1Pe 2:2, Matthew 15:16; Mark 7:18.

This chapter begins with a rebuke from God to the Northern Kingdom whose inhabitants are drunkards. God spares no words in His censure of their chosen lifestyle.

These ten tribes from the North are called by what name? _____.

Not only were these people overcome with drunkenness but what other ungodliness characterized their life? _____.

What other things at work in lost hearts today can rapidly cause beauty to fade?
_____.

God's people build their lives upon the sturdy foundation of God by consuming layer by layer of God's Word. This takes place when a heart is weaned from milk to the meat of God's Word.

What can wayward hearts do in their walk to get their hearts right again with God?
_____.

What is the only sure foundation for any heart? _____.

4. The Mystery Revealed

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Read Colossians chapters 1 and 2 along with these additional relevant verses Galatians 1:15-16, Romans 9:23; 11:33; Ephesians 1:7,17-18; 3:8-10,16; Philippians 4:19.

Who revealed this great mystery being inspired of God to pen Colossians? _____.

What is the setting and location of the writing of the book of Colossians?
_____.

This book addresses two major false teachings, what are they, and are these still being taught and believed today? _____.

A person can find great hope in what significant doctrines revealed for us in these two chapters? _____.

5. Fear God and Live

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Read these verses: Luke 12:4-5, Isaiah 51:7-13, Jeremiah 1:8, Matthew 10:28, 1 Peter 3:14. Revelation 2:10, Psalm 89:7

What are the two kinds of fear at work in this world? _____.

Why Fear about physical health and death is not to overtake the mind of a professing Christian?
_____.

Define what properly reverencing or fearing God means in the life of a professing Christian?
_____.

Describe what is righteous fear and give a verse where a child of God exercised such fear.
_____.

6. Beautification Process

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Read these verses Romans 8:28, 8:35-39; 5:3-4; Genesis 50:20; Deuteronomy 8:2-3,16; Psalms 46:1-2; 2Corinthians 4:15-17; 5:1; Philippians 1:19-23; 2Thessalonians 1:5-7; Hebrews 12:6-12; James 1:3-4; 1Peter 1:7-8; Revelation 3:19

Who are these verses speaking to in (Romans 8:35-39)? _____.

What can experience in trials and tribulations we face in life do in our walk with God? _____.

Where, often, is the focus of hearts who do not love God when troubles come crashing into their life? _____.

Why do some people see only clouds and rain while others see sunshine in every moment? _____.

How do you deal with troubling situations? _____.

7. Unity in Christ

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Read these verses: Ephesians 4:4-6; Ephesians 2:16; 5:30; Romans 12:4-5; 1Corinthians 10:17; 12:12-13,20; Colossians 3:15 Ephesians 2:18,22; Matthew 28:19; 1Corinthians 12:4-11; 2Corinthians 11:4

What is the principal thing taught in (Ephesians 4:4-6)? _____.

What are the seven examples God gives us about unity? _____.

What does verse four of Ephesians chapter four reveal to us about unity in God’s church collectively and among His people? _____.

Do you promote unity in your walk with God? _____.

8. He Allows Suffering

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Read Genesis 39:1-2, 39:21, 40:8, 40:14, 41:9-12, 41:55-57

Who was Potiphar and how did he come to know Joseph. _____.

What happened that turned the privilege of the king towards Joseph to him being tossed into prison? _____.

Where was Joseph, and where were his father and brothers? _____.

How did God keep Joseph in power, privilege, out of prison, and preserve him and his family? _____.

9. Sin is A Slippery Slope

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Read Psalm 26:1-2- Psalm 7:8; 35:24; 43:1; 54:1; 1Samuel 24:15 1Corinthians 4:3-6, Psalm 26:11; 15:2; 25:21; 2Kings 20:3; Proverbs 20:7; 2Corinthians 1:12, Psalms 4:5; 25:2; 28:7; 31:14; Proverbs 29:25, Psalms 21:7; 37:31; 62:2,6; 94:18; 121:3,7-8; 1Samuel 2:9; 1Peter 1:5; 2Peter 1:10 Psalms 25:21.

David asked God to do what with his life? _____.

Would you be afraid to ask God to judge your life, why or why not?

_____.

Do we know the exact timeline of this prayer to God in David's life?

_____.

Sin is always a slippery slope, yet David knew for sure his heart was innocent before God in this moment. How can we be confident in our own walk with God? _____.

10. An Eternal Loser

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Read Luke 11:21-23 Matthew 12:29; Mark 3:27, Genesis 3:15; Isaiah 27:1; 49:24-25; 53:12; 63:1-4; Colossians 2:15; 1John 3:8; 4:4; Revelation 20:1-3, Matthew 12:29; Mark 3:27.Luke 9:50; Matthew 12:30; Revelation 3:15-16, Mark 3:27; 9:40.

Who is the real "Strong Man" spoken of in these verses who comes and takes away all that which perishes?

_____.

What are many people trusting in rather than the presence and strength of God?

_____.

Do you understand that satan cannot ever be a strong man in this world even when it seems he is winning as darkness proliferates? _____.

What verse(s) proves that satan is finite and limited in this world?

_____.

11. A "Spiritual Drum"

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Read Job chapters 1 and 42 for a simple overview of the great losses and the eventual gain of Job. Read these verses Job 30:9; 1Ki 9:7; Ps 44:14, Ge 31:27; Isa 5:12

Name some great extremes found in the life of Job in the first chapter.

_____.

Why did Job face such great losses in his personal life?

_____.

Where was God while Job was hurting? _____.

How and why did God restore Job's life in the last chapter?

_____.

12. He Loved You at Your Worst

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Read Proverbs 8:36 and these additional verses: Proverbs 1:31, 20:2; John 3:19-20; Acts 13:46; Hebrews 2:3, 10:29; Proverbs 11:19, Proverbs 5:11-12,22-23; Ezekiel 18:31, 33:11; John 15:23-24; 1Corinthians 16:22 Job 35:6; Proverbs 13:24; Luke 7:35.

Did you know that God loved you at your unlovable worst?

_____.

What can you do that will cause God to love you even more? _____.

Does God ever give you an occasion to stop loving Him?

_____.

Why do many people fail to sincerely love God? _____.

13. Bearing His Reproach

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Read Hebrews 13:12-13 and these additional verses. Hebrews 11:26; 12:3; Matthew 5:11; 10:24-25; 16:24; 27:32,39-44; Luke 6:22; Acts 5:41; 1Corinthians 4:10-13; 2Corinthians 12:10; 1Peter 4:4,14-16

Why were ancient Jewish believers were often ostracized or removed from favor among their peers?

_____.

What does **“without the gate...”** mean in ancient times?

_____.

Where was this gate located? _____.

Why was Jesus Christ removed to suffer **“without the gate...”**?

_____.

14. Tongue-Tied Truth

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Read Romans 11:6 Romans 3:27-28; 4:4-5; 5:20-21; Deuteronomy 9:4-6; 1Corinthians 15:10; Galatians 2:21; 5:4; Ephesians 2:4-9; 2Timothy 1:9; Titus 3:5

Who deserves God’s grace? _____.

If God’s grace is separate from what we do, why do we need to obey God and walk in His footsteps?

_____.

If grace is a gift of divine kindness despite what we do, why does He give it to each of us?

_____.

Explain the differences between works, grace, and walking worthy.

_____.

15. Sour and Self-Serving

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Read Philippians 2:14-15 and Philippians 2:3; Ex 16:7-8; Numbers 14:27; Psalms 106:25; Matthew 20:11; Mark 14:5; Acts 6:1; 1Corinthians 10:10; James 5:9; 1Peter 4:9; Jude 16, Proverbs 13:10; 15:17-18; Mark 9:33-34; Acts 15:2,7,39; Romans 12:18; 14:1; 16:17; 1Corinthians 1:10-12; 3:3-5; 2Corinthians 12:20; Galatians 5:15,26; Ephesians 4:31-32; 1Thessalonians 5:13,15; 1Timothy 6:3-5; Hebrews 12:14; James 1:20; 3:14-18; 4:1; 1Peter 3:11.

Why do many professing Christians need a “spiritual attitude adjustment?”

_____.

What is a normal mindset and thinking pattern for a lost person when dealing with trials and troubles? _____.

What things will a sincere professing Christian do without complaint?
_____.

Why is important for Christian's to be united in their relationships within the church and between brothers and sisters in Christ?
_____.

16. The "Red Carpet"

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Read Hosea 1:6-7 Hosea 2:23; 1Peter 2:10, 2Kings 17:6,23-41; Isaiah 27:11, Matthew 5:7.Hosea 9:15-17, Hosea 11:12; 2Kings 19:35; Isaiah 36-37, Zechariah, 9:10, Isa 7:14; 12:2; 49:6; Jeremiah 23:5-6; Zechariah, 2:6-11; 4:6; 9:9-10; Matthew 1:21-23; Titus 3:4-6, Psalm 33:16; 44:3-6, Psalms 44:6; Isaiah 43:11.

Why did God refuse to pardon the sin of His people?
_____.

Who were Gomer and Hosea and what did they represent?
_____.

What name was given by God to name her child and what did this name represent?
_____.

Does God still refuse to forgive certain sin today? (This is kind of a trick question, read it carefully and consider your answer.)
_____.

17. Godly Viewpoint

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Read Romans 6:16-22; Joh 8:34, Colossians 3:7, Romans 6:14,18; 8:2; John 8:32; 2Corinthians 3:17; Galatians 5:13, Romans 7:25; Genesis 50:17; Job 1:8; Psalm 86:2; 143:12; Isaiah 54:17; Daniel 3:26; 6:20; Galatians 1:10; Colossians 4:12; Titus 1:1; James 1:1; 1Peter 2:16; Revelation 7:13 Psalms 92:14; John 15:2,16; Galatians 5:22; Ephesians 5:9; Philippians 1:11; 4:17; Colossians 1:10, Romans 6:21; Numbers 23:10; Psalms 37:37-38; Matthew 13:40,43; 19:29; 25:46; Joh 4:36

Lost hearts are servants to sin while regenerated hearts choose to serve and savor?
_____.

What happens in his walk when a person desires to serve God?
_____.

Does a lost heart have any liberties in this world?
_____.

Why would a person choose to serve sin rather than God?
_____.

18. Born to Be Wild?

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Read Isaiah 1:2-4 Deuteronomy 4:26; 30:19; 32:1; Psalms 50:4; Jeremiah 2:12; 6:19; 22:29; Ezekiel 36:4; Mic 1:2; 6:1-2, Jeremiah 13:15; Amos 3:1; Micah 3:8; Acts 4:20, Isaiah 5:1-2; 46:3-4; Deuteronomy 1:31; 4:7-8; Jeremiah 31:9; Ezekiel 16:6-14; 20:5-32; Romans 3:1-2; 9:4-5 . Isaiah 9:13,21; Jeremiah 2:30; 5:3; 6:28-30; Ezekiel 24:13; Hebrews 12:5-8, 2Chronicles 28:22; Jeremiah 9:3; Revelation 16:8-11, Isaiah 1:23; Nehemiah 9:34; Jeremiah 5:5,31; Daniel 9:8-11; Zephaniah 3:1-4

Well, what do you say, the Bible has a lot to say about rebellion, is a child born to be wild?

_____.

What causes a person to revolt against authority?

_____.

What was the setting of these verses in **(Isiah 1:2-4)** and who was rebelling against God?

_____.

Sin does affect your whole being: body, soul, and spirit, just like in ancient times to the nation of Judah. Can you name some current examples of the effects of sin upon the whole person?

_____.

19. Herod Hears John

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Read Mark 6:19-20 Genesis 39:17-20; 1Kings 21:20, Ecclesiastes 7:9; Ephesians 4:26-27. Mark 11:18; Exodus 11:3; 1Kings 21:20; 2Kings 3:12-13; 6:21; 13:14; 2Chronicles 24:2,15-22; 26:5; Ezekiel 2:5-7; Daniel 4:18,27; 5:17; Matthew 14:5; 21:26, Mark 4:16; Psalm 106:12-13; Ezekiel 33:32; Joh 5:35

Who brought public accusation against Herodias? _____.

What was this allegation leveled against her? Was it true?

_____.

Hatred, especially when faced with truth, builds in the heart and can be both dangerous and deadly. Name some good spiritual qualities to promote heart health.

_____.

Who made a rash promise he regretted, which brought a swift end to John the Baptist's life.

_____.

20. Ungodly Circumstances

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Read 2 Timothy 3:2-5, 2Corinthians 5:15; Philippians 2:21; Romans 1:28-32; Romans 16:17-18; Philippians 3:18-19; Jude 4,19, Isaiah 48:1-2; Ezekiel 33:30-32; Titus 1:16

Works of the flesh can be found at work in A. saved, B. lost, C. wayward souls, or D. every soul this side of heaven? _____.

List and define these seventeen ungodly circumstances mentioned in these verses? For personal reflection: How many of these heart attitudes are mirrored in your own life?

_____.

What can a person do in removing ungodliness, or spiritual ugliness from his or her life?

_____.

Why does greater reverence for God eliminate such ungodliness?

_____.

21. It's Time to Grow Up!

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Read 1 Corinthians 13:11 1Co 3:1-2; 14:20-21; Ec 11:9-10; 2 Peter 3:18 Ga 4:1-4

Who are spiritual babes, or immature servants of Christ? Is this maturity level considered by one's physical age or is it in the depth of one's maturity in wisdom of Christ?

What one thing most often stands in the way of personal spiritual growth? _____.

Where, from in the Bible, are some of your favorite verses for encouraging you like "spiritual fertilizer" for personal growth?

Why do most people not grow expeditiously in their personal relationship with Christ? _____.

22. You Reap the Rewards

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Read Isaiah 3:8-9, Galatians 6:7 Matthew 12:36-37, Jude 15, Psalms 10:4, Proverbs 30:13. Isaiah 26:20-21, Ecclesiastes 8:12, Zephaniah 2:3, Malachi 3:18, Romans 2:5-11

In the context of (**Isaiah 3:8-9**) why was Jerusalem ruined and Judah fallen?

According to (**Matthew 12:36-37**) words have great power and can both _____ or _____ a person.

The book of (**Galatians 6:7**) speaks of sowing and reaping, what kinds of consequences are rampant in this world because of continual and grievous sin present on this earth? _____.

God will discern between the _____ and the _____, you can count on it.

23. The Plumb Line

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Read Psalm 33:10-11 ,Job 5:12-13; Proverbs 21:30; Isaiah 44:24-25, Proverbs 19:21; Isaiah 14:24,27; 46:10, Daniel 4:37; Ephesians 1:11 Psalms 92:5; Isaiah 55:8-9; Jeremiah 29:11; Micah 4:12, and Acts 15:18

God can bring _____ and _____ of mankind to nothing.

This includes **evolution** (bonus- read **Genesis chapter 1**) and **climate change** (bonus- read **Genesis 8:21**) as both are popular intellectual thinking in this world, but neither agree with timeless teaching inspired of God.

What is teaching that stands forever (**Psalm 33:11**) and what other like terms are found in other verses used in describing such instruction?

Where and why is a plumb line used today and how does it compare to the Truth of God's Word?

Why must a person compare all things against the Truth of the Word of God?

24. No Grading on A Curve

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Read James 2:12 Philippians 4:8; Colossians 3:17; 2 Peter 1:4-8; James 2:8, 1:25

Who will be judged? _____.

What eight things are we to think on according to **(Philippians 4:8)**?

_____.

_____.

According to **(Colossians 3:17)**, we are to do in _____ and _____ to others in love as unto Christ.

Explain the law of liberty and that God does not grade on a curve for any person.

_____.

_____.

25. Correction Conveys Life

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Read Proverbs 23:13-14, Proverbs 13:24, 19:18; 29:15,17, 22:15; 1Corinthians 5:5; 11:32, Proverbs 13:24; 29:17

What naturally happens if responsible and necessary correction is withheld from a young child?

_____.

What is bound in the heart of a child?

_____.

_____.

After a time, God will deliver a lost soul to the whiles of satan for what reason?

_____.

Love of a child causes a parent to discipline him or her. How does this correction relate to you and your relationship with God?

_____.

26. Cheerful Countenance

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Read Proverbs 15:13, 12:25, 15:15, 17:22, 18:14, 2Corinthians 1:12, Nehemiah 2:2; John 14:1; 2Corinthians 2:7, 7:10

Define countenance using Bible passages. _____.

What are some other words used to point to a cheerful heart in these verses?

Define a broken spirit. _____.

A sorrowful heart can be used of God for our spiritual benefit, please explain.

_____.

27. A Gentle Eternal Giant

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Read Revelation 17:14, Jeremiah 50:44, 1Co 15:24-25, Revelation 1:5-7; 14:1-4, 19:16, Ro 8:29-30, Job 12:19, Da 7:21-22

Who is the Lamb mentioned in several verses? _____.

The children of God are described with three words at the end of the verse in **(Revelation 17:14)**

_____, _____, and _____.

God is the authority over all things, in **(Job 12:19)** He overthrows the

_____.

In the end, according to **(1 Corinthians 15:24-25)** all power will be placed under

28. Bearing Precious Fruit

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Read John 15:4-5, 8:31; Luke 8:15; Acts 11:23; 14:22; Galatians 2:20; Colossians 1:23; 2:6; 1John 2:6,24-28; Ezekiel 15:2-5

Who is to bear precious fruit? _____

What is the best way to describe a godly walk as recorded in **(1st John 2:6)**?

Where is a child of God to abide _____ so that he has no shame?

Why does this comparison between a vine and God work so well in describing a personal relationship with Christ in both the Old and New Testaments?

29. Spiritual Angst

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Read Acts 17:16; Job 32:15-22; Ps 69:8-10; Mark 3:3-5

How would you describe being stirred in the heart? _____

How did Elihu, Job's "friend" speak about his inner turmoil and what did he compare it to in **(Job 32:15-22)**? _____

According to **(Psalm 69:8-10)** what did zeal for God, the ministry, and His temple do to David?

Has your heart been stirred in your walk with God?

30. Yes, To Marijuana?

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Read Genesis 1:29-30 Ps 24:1; Proverbs 16:2, Romans 13:1-2, 1Peter 5:8, 1 Corinthians 5:11, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, Titus 3:1, Ephesians 5:18 and Romans 12:1-2, Galatians 5:19-21, Hebrews 8:6, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, 1 Corinthians 6:12-20, Romans 12:1-2, 1 Peter 5:8-9, Ephesians 5:18, 2 Timothy 2:15, Proverbs 1:2

What does God say in **(Genesis 1:29)** about herb bearing seed and trees?

God gave mankind both the _____ and _____ for their benefit not for their harm.

Why should professing Christians care about what they eat and put in or on their body? Give relevant verses _____

Does God allow both beneficial substances as well as those which can harm us to be developed in this world? Why? _____

Why should our every choice and desire be measured against God's Word?

Does God's Word give us enough information to make sound spiritual decisions today, even though it was penned in ancient times? Or is it silent on such issues like marijuana and out of date for our modern world? _____

31. What Is Pharmakeia

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Read Galatians 5:19-21, Deuteronomy 18:10; 1Sa 15:23; Ac 8:9-13; 16:16-19, Leviticus 19:31; Genesis 1:29

Name the works of the flesh according to (Galatians 5:19-21)?

_____.

Which work of the flesh relates to pharmakeia? _____.

What is a definition taken from a biblical source for defining the words **witchcraft** and **pharmaceutical**?

_____.

Name some well-known natural remedies God has given us for healing and greater holistic health naturally available and used by many people in this world.

_____.

32. The Babe Leapt

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Read Luke 1:41, Luke 1:15,44; Ps 22:10

Who was the babe that leapt in her belly? _____.

Did you know that babies could hear events outside the womb?

_____.

Please note that this babe was not called _____ or a _____ as babies in the womb often referred as today.

33. God Makes A Way

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Read 1 Corinthians 10:13; 2Corinthians 11:23-28; Ephesians 6:12-13; Hebrews 12:3-4; 1Peter 1:6-8; Revelation 3:10; 2 Thessalonians 3:3, 1Peter 4:19; Exodus 3:17; James 5:11.

Who faces temptations and trials in this world, and why?

_____.

What are manifold temptations mentioned in (1 Peter 1:6-8)?

_____.

God made a promise to His church in (Revelation 3:10) which was to

_____.

What can you do when temptations arise in your life?

_____.

34. Evil Is Conquered

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Read Proverbs 24:19-20, 13:20; Numbers 16:26; Psalms 1:1, 119:115, 2Corinthians 6:17; Ephesians 5:11; 2Timothy 3:2-5; Psalm 37:1

Why does God tell us not to fret about evil and wickedness in (Proverbs 24:19-20)?

_____.

We are to find delight in _____ according to (Psalms 1:1).

God tells us to depart from _____ and separate from _____ in (Psalm 119:115) and in (2 Corinthians 6:17) respectively.

What does improve unfruitful works mean in **(Ephesians 5:11)**?

35. Creation Groans

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Read Romans 8:20-22; Isa 24:5-6; Ho 4:3; Joe 1:18, Ro 8:18-21; Joh 16:20-21; Joe 1:18.

Define who are creatures and created mentioned as groaning on this earth?

What is the reason for this groaning? _____

When will spiritual restoration indeed make all things perfect?

Why were restrictions, bondage, and suffering ushered onto to this earth? _____

36. Pulverized or Grounded by Truth

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Read Matthew 21:41-44; Joh 3:3,5; Luke 14:16-24, Isaiah 8:13-15; 60:12; Zechariah 12:2-3; Lu 20:17-18; Ro 9:31-33; 1Pe 2:7-10

Explain about the stone the builders rejected in **(Matthew 21:42)** _____

Why do people still reject Jesus Christ today?

What excuses do people make for rejecting Christ?

Why was the Apostle Paul knocked to the ground and made a spiritual pauper?

37. A Spiritual Trio

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Read Matthew 11:27, 28:18; Joh 3:35; 5:21-29; 13:3; 17:1-:2; 1Co 15:25-27; Eph 1:20-23; Php 2:10-11; Heb 2:8-10; 1Pe 3:22, Luke 10:22; John 1:18; 6:46; 10:15; 14:6-9; 2Jo 9

Who is the all and all according to **(1 Corinthians 15:25-27)**? _____

Explain the different roles of this spiritual trio- the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Where is Jesus Christ sitting today? _____

Why will every person give answer to Jesus Christ one day?

38. Few Will Find It

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Read Matthew 7:13-14, Luke 13:24-25, John 10:9; 14:6

Jesus often used common ordinary things of this world to explain spiritual things. What did He use as an example for the possibility of every person entering Heaven?

Why might an out of the way gate be used in picturing the way to Heaven?

Why many cannot enter in the straight gate leading to Heaven?

Why is there only one gate to enter Heaven?

39. Seeking God's Answers

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Read Genesis 24:63, Joshua 1:8, Psalms 1:2, 77:11-12, 104:34, 119:15, 139:17-18, 143:5-6

Who was meditating in (**Genesis 24:63**)? _____

What is the biblical definition of meditation?

What has changed with the more modern, or up to date, definition often used for meditation?

Why must a child of God seek meditation only with Him?

40. Unravel and Relish

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Read Genesis 7:21-23, 7:4; 6:6-7,13,17; Job 22:15-17; Isaiah 24:6,19; Jeremiah 4:22-27; 12:3-4; Hosea 4:3; Joel 1:17-20; 2:3; Zephaniah 1:3; Matthew 24:39; Luke 17:27; Romans 8:20,22; 2Peter 2:5

Who perished in the flood and who was saved from certain death?

What is the ark a picture of in the Old Testament?

Why did God repent of making mankind in (**Genesis 6:6-7**) and what did repent mean in this instance for God did not repent from sin?

According to (**2 Peter 2:5**), Noah was the _____ person. What does this mean?

41. Pride is Unhealthy

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Read Galatians 6:3, Proverbs 25:14; 26:12; Luke 18:11; Romans 12:3,16; 1Corinthians 3:18; 8:2, 1Corinthians 13:2; 2Corinthians 3:5; 12:11, 1Corinthians 3:18; 2Timothy 3:13; James 1:22,26; 1John 1:8, Proverbs 14:12; 1Corinthians 3:7.

Why is boasting like clouds and wind without rain as recorded in (**Proverbs 25:14**)?

Why must a man become a fool to become wise?

How can a man deceive himself? _____

Why does pride and boasting continue to be such a big problem for many in this world? _____

42. Oblivious to Judgement

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Jeremiah 8:5-7, Jeremiah 2:32; 3:11-14; 7:24-26; Hosea 4:16; 11:7, Jeremiah 9:6; Proverbs 4:13; Isaiah 30:10; 44:20; 1Thessalonians 5:21; 2Thessolonians 2:9-12; Revelation 2:25, Jeremiah 5:3; Isaiah 1:20; Zechariah 7:11; Joh 5:40; Hebrews 12:25

Why did the nations of Jerusalem and Judah backslide?

What does God do about spiritually backward people?

What is strong delusion and why would God send this to spiritually wayward hearts?

Why do many hearts ignore the coming judgment of God even today?

43. Consider the Ant

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Read Proverbs 6:6-10, 1:17; Job 12:7-8; Isaiah 1:3; Matthew 6:26, Proverbs 6:9; 10:26; 13:4; 15:19; 18:9; 19:15,24; 20:4; 21:25; 22:13; 24:30-34; 26:13-16; Matthew 25:26; Romans 12:11; Hebrew 6:12

Define the words sluggard and slothful using a Bible passages.

Who was this Proverb written by and for?

What does vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes represent in (**Proverbs 10:26**)?

Why should a child of God always strive for being committed to having a good work ethic?

44. Order of Marriage

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Read Genesis 2:23-24 29:14; 1 Corinthians 11:8-9, Proverbs 12:4; 31:10; Malachi 2:14-16; Matthew 19:3-9; Mark 10:6-12; Romans 7:2; 1Corinthians 6:16-17; 7:2-4,10,11; Ephesians 5:28-31; 1Titus 5:14; 1Peter 3:1-7 Mark 10:7; Ephesians 5:31.

What purpose was a woman created for?

What does leave and cleave mean regarding a godly based marriage?

What instruction is given in the New Testament regarding marriage?

Why do many people seek divorces today, and do you think many of these choices are based on God's Word?

45. Desires and Duty**88****Read John 4:34, 6-33,38, Job 23:12, Psalm 40:8, Isaiah 61:1-3, Luke 15:4-6,10, 19:10, Acts 20:35**

Why does Job say is more valuable than food? _____.

What did the prophet **Isaiah** say that God had given him to do in chapter (**61:1-2**)?
_____.How can a person know the will of God for his or her life?
_____.

What is the will of God for your life? _____.

46. A Pig is Always A Pig**89****Read Proverbs 11:22 Proverbs 31:30; Ezekial 16:15-22; Nahum 3:4-6; 1Peter 3:3-4; 2Peter 2, Proverbs 7:10; 9:13**

What is deceitful and vain? _____.

Where can any person find true beauty? _____.

What is a gazing stock? _____.

What words does the Bible use in describing foolish woman?
_____.**47. Chewed Up and Spit Out****91****Read Jeremiah 51:34, Jeremiah 51:49; 39:1-8; 50:7,17; Lamentations 1:1,14-15, Jeremiah 48:11-12**Who is Nebuchadrezzar and what nation did he lead?
_____.What kind of treatment did the nation of Judah receive from Babylon?
_____.Where was the nation of Judah located? You know it by what name today?
_____.Why did God not take such oppression and ill treatment of these people lightly?
_____.**48. A Servant's Heart****92****1 Corinthians 9:20-21 Acts 16:3; 17:2-3; 18:18; 21:20-26, Romans 3:19; 6:14-15; Galatians 4:5,21; 5:18, Luke 11:37; Romans 15:2; 1Corinthians 10:33; Galatians 2:3, Romans 2:12,14; Galatians 3:2, 1Corinthians 7:19-22; Ps 119:32; Mt 5:17-20; Ro 7:22,25; 8:4; 13:8-10; Ga 5:13-14,22-23; Eph 6:1-3; 1Th 4:1-2; Tit 2:2-12; Heb 8:10**What is the Apostle Paul really saying in this seemingly tongue tangled mess?
_____.What did this mean in relating to those souls he was trying to reach with the gospel message?
_____.Where does the law of God and circumcision come into play in the New Testament?
_____.

Why does every man naturally desire to serve sin rather than God in his flesh?

Can any person meet the law of God on his own merit?

How is the law of God met and fulfilled?

49. The Royal Lineage

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Read **Matthew 1:1-17** and the one other biblical genealogy passage mentioning Jesus found in **Luke 3:23-38**. These passages are unique- and important for our reading. This accounting is not found in any other scripture.

What are the differences in the two genealogies.

What are the similarities between these two accounts?

Where does writer of the book of **Matthew** perspective come from?

Though he was a Jewish man, what perspective does Luke use in writing the book of **Luke**?

50. Profit or Burn

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Read **Philippians 1:20-21; 2:21; 1Corinthians 1:30; Galatians 6:14; Colossians 3:4 Philippians 1:23; Isaiah 57:1-2; Romans 8:35-39; 1Corinthians 3:22; 2Corinthians 5:1,6,8; 1Thessalonians 4:13-15; Revelation 14:13 Matthew 10:39; 24:46; John 14:15; Romans 14:7.**

What motives does the Apostle Paul bear for us in (**Philippians 1:20-21**)?

What does human nature cause lost people to seek?

Where does a child of God glory in rather than themselves?

Why is this world so selfish and absorbed?

In (**Philippians 1:23**) Paul tells us he looks forward to eternal profit in _____.

51. Proof in The Pudding

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Read **Matthew 11:16-19 Lamentations 2:13; Mark 4:30; Luke 13:18 Luke 7:31, Matthew 12:34; 23:36; 24, Luke 7:31-35 Mark 4:30, Isaiah 28:9-13; 1Corinthians 9:19-23, 1Corinthians 9:27**

The whole conclusion of a matter is the _____ of its _____.

What was John the Baptist criticized about in his sparse kind of living? Jesus was also criticized for what kind of things? _____

How did Jesus rise above the barbs of His critics as He lived and preached in this world?

Why do we have liberty and potential in Christ rather than limitations and laws?

52. "I Am" Not "I Was"

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Read Mark 12:26-27 Matthew 12:10; 22:31-32 Ac 7:30-32 Ge 17:7-8; 26:24; 28:13; Ro 4:17-18; Heb 11:13-16

I am, I was, explain the difference between present tense and past tense and how it must be used in referring to God. _____.

Who is god of the dead? _____.

God is the God of _____, _____ and _____.

Why must a child of God live as _____ and _____ on this earth?

53. Loving Selflessly

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Read Luke 6:32-33 Matthew 5:46-47 1Pe 2:19-20, Ephesians 4:15, Hebrews 4:12

There is both genuine godly love and a "pseudo love" at work in this world. Which one has a greater cost when giving to another?

_____.

Who are the publicans referred to in Luke 6:33? _____.

What kind of love do these publicans often choose to give? _____.

What kind of love does a child of God desire to give others as recorded in (**Ephesians 4:15**) and (**Hebrews 4:12**). _____.

What kind of suffering in love is acceptable to God according to (**1 Peter 2:19-20**)?

_____.

54. Conviction of the Heart

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Acts 2:37-38- they. Ac 5:33; 7:54; Eze 7:16; Zec 12:10; Lu 3:10; Joh 8:9; 16:8-11; Romans 7:9; 1Corinthians 14:24-25; Hebrew 4:12-13 ; Acts 1:16, 9:5-6, 16:29-31, 22:10; 24:25-26; Mark 10:17; Luke 3:10, 12:17, 18:18; John 6:28. Acts 3:19,17:30, 20:21, 26:20; Matthew 3:2,8-9, 4:17, 21:28-32; Luke 15, 24:47; Mark 1:15; Acts 8:22.

Explain the difference between being pricked in the heart, cut in the heart, and personal repentance?

_____.

What did God wink at, but now does not. _____.

Some will say that repentance has two sides. One side is being sorry for sin and the other is

_____.

Why is mourning one's sin necessary for genuine repentance?

_____.

55. Antidote for Demons

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Read Matthew 8:16-17, 1:32-34; Luke 4:40; Matthew 4:24, 9:2; Mark 2:3; Acts 5:15, Matthew 12:22; Mark 1:25-27,34, 5:8, 9:25; Acts 19:13-16 Matthew 14:14; Exodus 15:26; Matthew 1:22, 2:15,23; Isaiah 53:4; 1Peter 2:24

Is there a provable link between demons and sickness, both spiritual and physical ailments?

_____.

Why were these people ailing in **(Mark 1:32-34)**?

_____.

Explain what is the biblical based antidote for removing demons?

_____.

(Isaiah 53:4) is a prophecy concerning Israel, but what implications does it have for our application today?

_____.

_____.

56. Daniel Found Favor

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Read Daniel 6:1-3- Exodus 18:21-22, 1st Peter 2:13-14, Daniel 2:48-49, 1 Samuel 2:30, Daniel 5:16, 29, Proverbs 22:29, Daniel 5:14, Proverbs 17:27

Why was Daniel chosen by the king to set over the kingdom?

_____.

Who was to report unto Daniel? _____.

To whom was Daniel to account to in this appointment?

_____.

How does this appointment by the king show the presence and work of God in Daniel’s life?

_____.

57. A New Avenue

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Read Hebrews 10:19-21; Hebrews 4:16, 12:28; Romans 8:15; Galatians 4:6-7; Ephesians 3:12; 2Timothy 1:7; 1John 3:19-21, 4:17; Hebrews 7:25, 9:3,7-8,12,23-25; Romans 5:2; Ephesians 2:18; 1John 2:1-2; Exodus 40:28; Leviticus 16:14; Deuteronomy 12:14; Ezekiel 46:3; Mark 15:38; Ephesians 3:12, John 10:7,9; 14:6

Is there more than one way, or avenue to Heaven? Give applicable scripture verses.

_____.

What did Jesus Christ do in paving the way to Heaven?

_____.

Explain how a person can enter Heaven by the blood of Jesus Christ.

_____.

Who is the high priest over the house of God?

_____.

58. The Best is Yet to Come

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Read John 2:6-10, John 4:46; Psalms 104:14-15; Ephesians 5:18, Galatians 5:19-23, Proverbs 20:1, Revelation 7:16-17

Was the best alcoholic wine saved for last? _____.

This wedding ran out of wine, where did the best wine come from?

_____.

Was this wine really living water, (**Revelation 7:16-17**)?

_____.

What does these verses, given of God: **Ephesians 5:18, Galatians 5:21, Proverbs 20:1**, say to us about drinking fermented alcohol?

_____.

_____.

59. A Roll Your Eyes Moment

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Read Exodus chapter 7; 1Samuel 17:46-47

What does the word **smite** mean in (**Exodus chapter 7**) and (**1st Samuel 17:46-47**)?

_____.

What did God instruct Moses to do with his rod? _____.

What happened to the water? _____.

Why did God need to get the attention of Pharaoh?

_____.

60. Leadership Gathered

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Read Matthew 26:3-5; Psalm 2:1-2, 56:5-6; John 11:47-53,57; Acts 4:25-28

Who were the men that gathered together against Jesus?

_____.

What did they wish to do?

_____.

Why could these men not carry out their plans this day?

_____.

Who experienced leaders gathering against him in the Old Testament according to (**Psalm 56:5**)? What was this a picture of in the New Testament?

_____.

_____.

61. From Top to Bottom

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Read Mark 15:38. Exodus 26:31-34; Leviticus 16:2-19; 2Chronicles 3:8-14; Matthew 27:51-53; Luke 23:45; Hebrews 4:14-16, 6:19, 9:3-12, 10:19-23

What is the significance of the veil of the temple being torn in two from top to bottom?

_____.

_____.

What does Leviticus 16:2-19 give us great details about?

_____.

Why is (**Mark 15:38**) and verses from (**Leviticus 16:2-19**) cross referenced?

_____.

What did the tearing of the veil in Mark signify the end of?

_____.

62. He Faced All Temptation

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Read Hebrews 4:15; Hebrews 5:2; Isaiah 53:4-5; Matthew 8:16-17; 12:20; Philippians 2:7-8 Hebrews 2:17-18; Luke 4:2; 22:28 Mark 1:13

Who can sympathize with our weakness in the flesh?

What can we do when tempted in our flesh?

What temptations did Jesus suffer in the flesh?

How can a person stand strong, even in the middle of great temptation?

63. Truth is Perpetual

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Matthew 10:17-18; Micah 7:5; Mark 13:9,12; Acts 14:5-6, 17:14, 23:12-22; 2Corinthians 11:24-26; Philippians 3:2; 2Timothy 4:15; Matthew 7:15; Mark 12:38; Colossians 2:8; Matthew 24:9-10; Mark 13:9; Luke 12:11; 21:12-13; John 16:2; Acts 4:6-22, 5:26-42, 23:1-11, Matthew 5:22, 26:59; John 11:47

In the context of this verse in ancient biblical times who is Jesus warning about this persecution?

What local councils, or secular authorities might have been in operation against the Jewish people inside this biblical time period?

Does this verse point to persecution in the tribulation period yet to come?

64. Wrestling of Wills

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Genesis 32:24, 30:8; Luke 13:24, 22:44; Romans 8:26-27, 15:30; Ephesians 6:12,18; Colossians 2:1, 4:12; Hebrews 5:7; Genesis 32:28,30, 48:16; Isaiah 32:2; Hosea 12:3-5; 1Corinthians 15:47, Exodus 14:27; Song 2:17

Who did Jacob wrestle with in this verse? _____

Was this a physical wrestling match or one of a physical nature?

Have you ever wrestled with your will and God's will for your life?

Can we negotiate with God concerning His will in our life?

65. God's Inexhaustible Love

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Read Titus 3:3-7, Romans 9:3-20; 1 Corinthians 9:6-11; Ephesians 2:1-3; Col 1:21; 3:7; 1Pe 4:1-3

What significance does the word **WERE** have in the context of these verses in **Titus 3:3-7**?

What does the word **BUT** do for the context of verse 4 of Titus chapter 3?

What do these verses above collectively tell us about the love of God?

_____.

Define the word **inexhaustible** and discuss a few synonyms than could be used in place of this word.

_____.

_____.

66. Sincere Conviction

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Read John 8:5-10; Job 5:12-13, 20:5,27; Ps 9:15-16, 40:14, 71:13; Luke 13:17

Who was Jesus speaking **to** in (John 8:9)? _____.

Who was Jesus speaking **about** in (John 8:9)? _____.

Define the word conviction in biblical based terms.

_____.

Why were these men convicted of their own sin and Jesus lovingly spoke to woman who was caught in sin who was told to go and sin no more?

_____.

_____.

67. Power Packed Punch

121

Read Hebrews 10:26-31

What does it mean in (verse 31 of Hebrews chapter 10) to fall into the hands of the living God?

_____.

_____.

Why are most people fearful of things in this world and harbor no, or little, fear of God?

_____.

_____.

What does it mean to sin willfully in (Hebrews 10:26)?

_____.

What will God impart into the lives of every wicked leaning heart?

_____.

68. Submit Before Sacrifice

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Read Proverbs 21:3, Proverbs 15:8; 1Samuel 15:22; Psalms 50:8; Isaiah 1:11-17; Jeremiah 7:21-23; Hosea 6:6; Micah 6:6-8; Mark 12:33.

Define Biblically the following words: **justice, judgment, and sacrifice.**

_____.

_____.

Why are justice and judgement more important than sacrifice in God's estimation?

_____.

What are things professing Christians are willing to sacrifice rather than be obedient to God?

_____.

_____.

Why is sacrificing of themselves before God so hard for many with well-intentioned hearts?
_____.

69. Rules, Rites, and Religion

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Read Mark 2:24, 2:7,16; Matthew 7:3-5, 15:2-3; 23:23-24; Hebrews 12:3; Lu 6:2; Exodus 20:10, 31:15, 35:2-3; Numbers 15:32-36; Nehemiah 13:15-22; Isaiah 56:2,4,6, 58:13; Jeremiah 17:20-27; Luke 6:1; Joh 9:14

What kind of things did the Pharisees consider not lawful on the Sabbath day?

_____.

What is the difference between **traditions, decrees,** and **“religious acts,”** of mankind?

_____.

Do you think that plucking an ear of corn was a work on the Sabbath day?
_____.

Why do you think these men had such a critical spirit towards Jesus?
_____.

70. Persecution Surges

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Read Acts 13:45-51, 6:12, 14:2,19, 17:13, 21:27; 1Kings 21:25; Acts 9:23, 18:12, 13:43; 2:5; Romans 10:2 1Corinthians 1:26-29; James 2:5-6; Genesis 34:19; Act 17:12, Acts 8:1; Matthew 10:23; 2Timothy 3:11; Acts 16:37-39; Isaiah 66:5; Amos 7:12; Mark 5:17; Acts 14:2; 28:24

Who should expect to face persecution in this world?
_____.

What does it mean to stir up devout and honorable women?
_____.

Where did Paul travel to next after facing persecution from these women and men of the city?
_____.

What does it mean when Paul and his group shook the dust of this town off their feet as they left?
_____.

71. What an Epitaph

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Read Judges 2:7-8, Joshua 24:31; 2Kings 12:2; 2Chronicles 24:2,14-22; Philippians 2:12; Joshua 24:29-30

What is an epitaph? _____.

What two things were written on Joshua’s marker according to (**Judges 2:7-8**)?
_____.

Work out your salvation with _____ and _____ according to (**Philippians 2:12**).

72. Calm Before the Storm

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Read Revelation 8:J; Job 4:16; Psalms 37:7; Psalms 62:1; Habakkuk 2:20; Zechariah 2:13

The Bible does not tell us why there was silence in Heaven for a half hour span, but what was on the horizon? _____.

Why do you think there was silence in heaven?

73. Aptly Applies to Ahithophel And Judas 131

Read Psalm 41:9 55:12-14,20-22; 2Samuel 15:12; Job 19:19; Jeremiah 20:10; Deuteronomy 32:15; Obadiah 7; John 13:18,26-27

Judas may be a familiar person to you but who is Ahithophel?

What was it that these two men had in common?

Who did Ahithophel treat unjustly _____ . Judas treated _____ as an enemy.

I am sure you have heard of a modern word **frenemy**, how is this word like how Ahithophel and Judas treated "friends"?

74. Putrid Before God 132

Read Proverbs 30:12, 21:2; Judges 17:5,13; 1Samuel15:13-14; Job 33:9; Psalm 36:2; Isaiah 65:5; Jeremiah 2:22-24,35; Luke 11:39-40; 16:15; 18:11; 2Timothy 3:5; Titus 1:15-16; 1John 1:8-10; Psalm 51:2,7; Isaiah 1:16; Jeremiah 4:14; Ezekiel 36:25; Zecharia 13:1; 1Corinthians 6:11; Titus 3:5; 1 John 1:7; Revelation 1:5; Proverbs 14:12

What does pure in one's own eyes mean?

What does pure in the eyes of God mean?

How can a person be clean before God?

Define these words using the Bible: **consecration, innocent, holy and sanctified.**

75. An Enticing Witness 132

Read Acts 6:10, 5:39; 7:51; Exodus 4:12; Isaiah 54:17; Jeremiah 1:18-19; 15:20; Ezekiel 3:27; Matthew 10:19-20; Luke 12:11-12; 21:15; John 7:46; Job 32:8,18; Micah 3:8; Luke 1:17; 1Corinthians 2:4, Ephesians 1:17; Luke 12:12; 14:6; 1Corinthians 1:27

Give the biblical definition of the word entice?

These Jewish men were unable to _____ the wisdom and the _____.

Of this man named _____.

His words contained _____ power and _____ given of God.

76. Man is His Own Enemy 134

Read Acts 10:34-35, 8:35; Matthew 5:2; Ephesians 6:19-20; Deuteronomy 10:17, 16:19; 2Chronicle 19:7; Job 34:19; Psalm 82:1-2; Matthew 22:16; Luke 20:21; Romans 2:11; Galatians 2:6; Ephesians 6:9; Colossians 3:11,25; James 2:4,9; 1Peter 1:17; Matthew 5:2; Romans 2:11,26.

What does it mean to be a respecter of persons? _____.

Instead of respecter, what words are commonly used today in describing such a person
_____.

Why did the Jewish people believe that they were "above" the Gentiles in the eyes of God?
_____.

The truth is that God only sees a man as _____ or _____, rather than any other division or partiality commonly applied in this world.

77. He is of Age

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Read John chapter 9 with emphasis on verses 9:22-23

This son in question was born _____.

What had happened that he now had vision? _____.

Why did his parents refuse to answer for his sudden sight? _____.

What does of age mean? _____.

78. Love Without Hypocrisy

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Read Romans 12:9; 2Corinthians 6:6; 8:8; 1Thessolonians 2:3; 1Titus 1:5; James 2:15-16; 1Peter 1:22; 4:8; 1John 3:18-20; Psalms 34:14; 36:4; 45:7; 97:10; 101:3; 119:104,163; Proverbs 8:13, 5:15, Hebrews 1:9.

Define biblically what is dissimulation. _____.

What does abhor evil in the Bible mean? _____.

Describe what God has recorded about sincere love?

_____.

What are the seven abominations in the heart referred to in (Proverbs 26:25) and listed in (Proverbs 6:16-19) which often get in the way of genuine love?

_____.

79. Delivered unto Satan

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Read 1st Timothy 1:17-20; Acts 19:33; 2Timothy 2:14; 4:14-15; Matthew 18:17; 1Corinthians 5:4-5; 2Corinthians 10:6; 13:10; 1Corinthians 11:32; 2Thessalonians 3:15; Revelation 3:19; 2Corinthians 1:23; Acts 13:45; 2Timothy 3:2; Revelation 13:1,5; John 20:23; 2Corinthians 13:8.

Who is Hymenaeus and Alexander? _____.

What does the Bible say that they did causing the Apostle Paul to go to extreme measures?
_____.

What does it mean to turn a person over to satan?
_____.

Would being turned over to satan be a permanent place for them, or could these men learn a lesson and potentially be saved? _____.

What kind of actions, attitudes, or choices might cause a person to be turned over to satan?
_____.

80. The True Tabernacle

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Read Hebrews 8:1-6, 9:8-12, 10:21; Exodus 28:1,35; Luke 24:44; Romans 15:8; Hebrews 9: 23-24, 11:10; 2Corinthians 5:1; Colossians 2:11.

Where is the true tabernacle today? _____.

What does it mean “the Lord pitched...” in (Hebrews 8:2)? _____.

Many people perhaps miss the significance of the Old Testament Tabernacle and fail tie it together with the True Tabernacle. Why was the O.T. Tabernacle more than just a tent that was moved around?
_____.

Who was the more perfect tabernacle mentioned in (Hebrews 9:11)? _____.

81. The “Spiritual Baton”

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Read Psalm 78:5-8; Psalm 81:5, 119:152, 147:19; Deuteronomy 4:45, 6:7, 11:19; Isaiah 8:20; Romans 3:2; n 5:9-12; Psalm 48:13, 71:18, 102:18, 145:4; Esther 9:28; Psalm 90:16; Deuteronomy 4:10; Joshua 22:24-25; Joel 1:3; Exodus 13:8; Leviticus 23:43; Deuteronomy 11:19, 31:13; Joel 1:3.

Who is responsible for passing the spiritual baton to the next generation?
_____.

Is passing the baton to the next generation a suggestion, expectation, or a command for a child of God?
_____.

Is there any time or event that a child of God is excused from passing the torch to the next generation?
_____.

The home is supposed to be the major training ground for the next generation. How does the current condition of many homes affect this world?
_____.

82. A Three Prong Union

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Read 1st timothy 2:5; . Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 44:6; Mark 12:29-33; John 17:3; Romans 3:29-30, 10:12; 1Corinthian 8:6; Galatians 3:20; Ephesians 4:6; Job 9:33; Hebrews 7:25, 8:6, 9:15, 12:24; Matthew 1:23; Luke 2:10-11; John 1:14; 1Corinthians 15:45-47; Philippians 2:6-8; Hebrews 2:6-13; Revelation 1:13; Exodus 34:3; Leviticus 8:26; Numbers 3:50; Proverbs 8:4; James 2:19.

Describe the relationship between the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

_____.

Explain what a mediator is in a legal situation, and in relation to God?

_____.

What is a hypostatic union? _____.

Explain the humanity of Jesus Christ and the divinity of God, and the presence of the Holy Spirit?

_____.

83. The Hour Unknown

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Read Matthew 24:36-37; Matthew 24:42,44; 25:13; Zechariah 14:7; Mark 13:32; Acts 1:7; 1Thessalonians 5:2; 2Peter 3:10; Revelation 3:3; 16:15; Genesis 6-7; Job 22:15-17; Luke 17:26-27; Hebrews 11:7; 1Peter 3:20-21; 2Peter 2:5; 3:6.

In the time of Noah there was great evil, but many people went on about living choosing not to pay attention or be indifferent to wickedness. Can the same be said of today? **YES NO**

Why did God repent of creating mankind in (**Genesis 6:7**)? _____.

Noah was both _____ and _____ despite the presence of such great evil.

Why do many people today fail to live godly like Noah?

_____.

84. Glory to God

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Read 2nd Corinthians 4:6-7, 4:1; 6:10; Matthew 13:44,52; Ephesians 3:8; Colossians 1:27, 2:3; 2Corinthians 5:1; 10:10; Judges 7:13-14,16-20; Lamentations 4:2; 1Corinthians 1:28; 4:9-13; Galatians 4:13-14; 2Titus 2:20; 2Corinthians 3:5-6; 12:7-9; 13:4; 1Corinthians 2:3-5; Ephesians 1:19-20; 2:5,8-9; Colossians 2:12; 1Thessalonians 1:5, 1:9.

When God shines in earthen vessels what is the treasure to be found?

_____.

God's _____ shines in the cracks and crevices of willing and useful vessels found in this world. When a body is _____ (**2 Corinthian 5:1**) a building of God will be found in eternity.

God's ability and supernatural presence are not tied to human _____, _____, or _____.

85. Be A Man!

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Read 1st Kings 2:1-4; Joshua 23:14; Job 16:22, 30:23; Psalms 89:48; Hebrews 9:27; Deuteronomy 17:19-20, 31:6; Joshua 1:6-7; 1Chronicles 28:20; Ephesians 6:10; 2Timothy 2:1; 1Kings 3:7; 2Samuel 10:12; Ecclesiastes 12:13; 1Corinthians 16:13; 1Timothy 4:12

What king was nearing death and gave charge to his son to take his place on the throne.

What was the name of his son? _____.

In (**1st Chronicles 28:20**) David told his son to be _____ and of _____.

David told his son to _____ a _____. This is a message many young men need to hear today.

86. Prayers for All Men

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Read **1st Timothy 2:1-2; Ezra 6:10; Nehemiah 1:11; Psalm 20:1-4, 72:1; Jeremiah 29:7; Romans 13:1-7; 1 Peter 2:13; Genesis 49:14-15; 2 Samuel 20:19; Proverbs 24:21; Ecclesiastes 3:12-13, 8:2-5; Romans 12:18; 1Thessalonians 4:11; Hebrews 12:14; Luke 1:6; 2:25; Acts 10:22, 24:16; Philippian 4:8; Titus 2:10-14; 1Peter 2:9-13; 2 Peter 1:3-7; 1 Samuel 10:25; 1 Peter 2:13.**

(**1st Timothy 2:1**) encourages that _____, _____, and _____ the giving of _____ be made for all men.

What differences could be found in this world if professing Christians would follow the directives found in (**1st Timothy 2:1**)? _____.

(**Romans 13:1-7**) directs every soul be subject to _____. The authority on this earth is subject to God whether it be good or evil and mankind is to not _____ the authority of God as the powers on this earth are of God or allowed by God. Mankind is ultimately serving _____ when following the authority of man on this earth as it agrees with God.

87. Live and Walk in Spirit

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Read **Galatians 5:25; John 6:63; Romans 8:2,10; 1Corinthians 15:45; 2Corinthians 3:6; 1Peter 4:6; Revelation 11:11; Galatians 5:16; Romans 8:4-5; Luke 9:46; 1John 4:13.**

Why is it not enough to profess a personal relationship with Christ?
_____.

A genuine child of God both _____ and _____ in the Spirit. A child of the god of this world _____ and _____ aligned with the spirit of the god of this world.

A child of God is _____ from _____ and _____ according to (**Romans 8:2**).

Walking in Spirit is _____ in action.

88. Spiritual Pecking Order

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Read **Romans 13:1; Deuteronomy 17:12; Ephesians 5:21; Titus 3:11; Peter 2:13-17; 2 Peter 2:10-11; Jude 1:8; 1 Samuel 2:8; 1 Chronicles 28:4-5; Psalms 62:11; Proverbs 8:15-16; Jeremiah 27:5-8; Daniel 2:21, 4:32, 5:18-23; Matthew 6:13; John 19:11; Revelation 1:5, 17:14, 19:16.**

God has established absolute _____ and mankind is subject to Him both in this world and in the _____.

Why do many in this world feel as if they can do and be what they want?
_____.

In (**2nd Peter 2:16**) we are not to use our freedom in Christ as a cloak of _____.

89. Heaven Has A Wall

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Read **Revelation 21:12-25; Ezra 9:9; Nehemiah 12:27; Psalm 51:18; 122:7; Ezekiel 40:5; Isaiah 54:12, 60:18; Ezekiel 48:31-34, 48:31-34**

_____ and _____ were found inside the walls according to (**Psalms 122:7**).

What were some of the precious stones mentioned that were placed on these walls? (Some of these stone are also considered "birth stones today.)

Could walls placed around our cities and/or country be beneficial for us today?

One of the ancient minor prophets built a wall in the Old Testament as was described in the Bible in the book of _____

Why, do you suppose, that God saw fit to build a wall around His throne in Heaven?

90. Position and Disposition

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Read Romans 8:1-4, 4:7-8, 5:1, 7:17,7:20; Isaiah 54:17; John 3:18-19, 5:24; Galatians 3:13

Explain the difference between having a personal relationship with God and a day to day walk with Him.

What does it mean to be free from condemnation?

Where does a man's righteousness come, and why is this important in the life of a child of God?

Why are there no "bragging rights" available in the life of a child of God (**Isaiah 54:17**)?

What is the curse of the law (**Galatians 3:13**) that God saw fit to redeem mankind from?

91. A Glimpse of God

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Read Isaiah 6:1-5; Exodus 33:20; Judges 6:22, 13:22; Job 42:5-6; Daniel 10:6-8; Habakkuk 3:16; Luke 5:8-9; Revelation 1:16-17, Exodus 4:10, 6:12,30; Jeremiah 1:6; Zechariah 3:1-7; Matthew 12:34-37; James 3:1-2; Isaiah 29:13; Jeremiah 9:3-8; Ezekiel 2:6-8, 33:31; James 3:6-10; Isaiah 33:17; Revelation 1:5-7; Psalms 89:7, 116:12; Luke 17:10.

Why did the prophet Isaiah exclaim "woe is me..." in verse 5? _____

What did Isaiah realize about himself upon seeing the holiness and righteousness of God?

Why is God to be greatly feared _____

Why are idle words and actions so dangerous in the lives of every person?

92. God Appointed Mathias?

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Read Acts 1:23-26; Ac 15:22; Le 16:8; De 1:13; Jon 1:7; Ac 1:26

Describe what is casting lots. _____

Did God call for these men to cast lots?

Why did a lot fall upon Jonah in the Old Testament?

Why did a lot fall upon Jonah in the Old Testament? _____.

93. Washed with Dirty Water

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Read Matthew 27:24-25; Deuteronomy 21:6-7; Job 9:30-31; Psalm 26:6; Jeremiah 2:27,35; Matthew 27:4,9,54; John 19:4; Acts 3:14; 2Corinthians 5:21; 1Peter 3:18; Leviticus 22:19; Jeremiah 26:16; Mark 6:26; Luke 23:21; Acts 13:28.

When Pilate saw that this situation with Jesus was beyond anything he could fix, even when knowing that Jesus was innocent, Pilate chose to do what?

_____.

Why did this not make Pilate innocent?

_____.

What did the crowd call for in (Luke 23:21)? _____.

Why was an innocent man put to death and evil men left to seemingly triumph?

_____.

Why are many ‘washing their hands’ with dirty water today?

_____.

94. A Devouring Plague

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Read Joel 1:1-5

What are the devouring insects listed in verse four? _____ and the _____.

Why were these insects sent to destroy the crops of Israel?

_____.

Why should we care about this situation today in this current age of grace?

_____.

What lessons are applicable for us today? _____.

95. A Host of Angels

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Read Revelation 5:9-12,7:11; 1Ki 22:19; 2Ki 6:16-18; Psalm 103:20, 148:2; Revelation 4:4,6,9-10, 19:6; Deuteronomy 33:2; Psalm 68:17; Daniel 7:10; Hebrews 12:22; Exodus 18:10; Zechariah 13:7; 2Samuel 22:4.; Re 4:11, 7:12, 19:1; Matthew 28:18; John 3:35-36, 17:2; 2Corinthians 8:9; Philippians 2:9-11; 1Timothy 1:17; Genesis 22:8; Ex 18:10.

How many is in a host of angels? _____.

How many elders were around the throne of God? _____.

What Apostle was afforded this special glimpse into the heavenly realm? _____.

What other things did this man see and describe for us? _____.

Things seen in heaven seen by this Apostle were also described by others in the Old Testament, give a few examples of these verses from the Old Testament.

_____.

96. A Sinner from Birth

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Read **Job 14:1-6, 15:14, 25:4; Psalms 51:5; Matthew 11:11; Job 7:1, 7:6, 9:25; Genesis 47:9; Psalms 39:5, 5:7; Ecclesiastes 2:17, 2:23.**

Every person is born _____ and _____.

What does this verse from Job tell us about the natural condition of every person's heart?

_____.

In (**Job 25:4**) A question from Bildad begs each of us to ask- how can a man be justified before God?

_____.

Why is it important to be in good spiritual standing with God?

_____.

According to (**Matthew 11:11**) Jesus says what about John the Baptist, and us?

_____.

97. His Perfect Will

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Read **Genesis 1:28-31, 1:22, 8:17, 9:1,7, 17:16,20, 22:17-18, 24:60, 26:3-4,24, 33:5, 49:25; Leviticus 26:9; 1Chronicle 4:10, 26:5; Job 42:12; Psalms 107:38; 127; 128:3-4; Isaiah 45:18; 1Timothy 4:3; Genesis 9:2.**

In a nutshell. What does be fruitful , multiply, and replenish mean for us today?

_____.

Describe the spiritual application of being fruitful and multiplying in this world?

_____.

_____ was made a mother of many nations.

In whose seed shall the nations be blessed _____ according to (**Genesis 22:18**).

98. Test Against Truth

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Read **2 Corinthians 13:5; Psalm 17:3, 26:2, 119:59, 139:23-24; Lamentations 3:40; Ezekiel 18:28; Haggai 1:5,7; 1Corinthians 11:28,31; Galatians 6:4; Hebrews 4:1, 12:15; 1st John 3:20-21; Revelation 2:5, 3:2-3; Colossians 1:23, 2:7; 1Timothy 2:15; Titus 1:13, 2:2; 1Peter 5:9; 1 Corinthians 3:16, 6:2,15,19; 9:24; James 4:4; Romans 6:3; 2Corinthians 6:16; Joh 6:56, 14:23, 15:4, 17:23,26; Romans 8:10; Galatians 2:20, 4:19; Ephesians 2:20-22, 3:17; Colossians 1:27, 2:19; 1Peter 2:4-5; 2Corinthians 13:6-7; Jeremiah 6:30; Romans 1:28; 2Timothy 3:8; Titus 1:16; 1Corinthians 9:27; Heb 6:8; Proverbs 16:25.**

Who is to examine the truth in themselves and how does a person prove themselves to be in the faith?

_____.

Why must a person know he is a reprobate before he genuinely knows Christ.

_____.

What does (**James 4:4**) say about being a friend to this evil world and sincerely knowing God?

_____.

What does sincere love of God prove about a person's life? _____.

Describe abiding God and estranged from the world

_____.

99. Bad News Is Profitable

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Read John 16:7-8; John 8:45-46; Luke 4:25, 9:27; Ac 10:34, Joh 11:50-52, 14:3,28; Romans 8:28; 2Corinthians 4:17; John 7:39, 14:16-17,26, 15:26; Psalms 68:18; Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4-5, 2:33; Ephesians 4:8-13; John 12:8; Philippians 1:24; Zechariah 12:10; Acts 2:37, 16:29-30; John 8:9,46; 1Corinthians 14:24; Jude 15

How can something unpleasant or bad be profitable?

_____.

Jesus gave His disciples the bad news first, that He would have to _____.

However, secondly, _____ would come.

Where was Jesus going to go _____ and did His disciples understand what He was telling them?

_____.

In (John 14:3) Jesus gave us two promises which were 1. _____ and

_____.

100. Aliens to Assimilate

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Read Leviticus 19:33-35; Exodus 22:21, 23:9; Deuteronomy 10:18-19, 24:14; Malachi 3:5; Jeremiah 7:6; Ezekiel 22:7,29; Deuteronomy 10:19; Leviticus 19:18; Exodus 12:48-49; Deuteronomy 10:19; Matthew 5:43; Leviticus 18:2, 24:22; Le 19:15; Deuteronomy 25:13,15; Proverbs 11:1, 16:11, 20:10; Ezekiel 22:12-13; Amos 8:5-6; Micah 6:1; Matthew 7:2; Exodus 20:15; Leviticus 19:15; Ezekiel 45:10.

What does it mean to vex or oppress a stranger? _____.

What does it mean to love others as you do yourself?

_____.

A false balance is an _____. A just weight is _____ to the Lord. (Proverbs 11:1).

101. Of Great Value to God

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Read Luke 12:6-7; Matthew 10:29-30; Luke 12:24,27; Psalm 50:10-11, 113:5-6, 145:15-16, 147:9; Luke 21:18; 1Samuel 14:45; 2Samuel 14:11; Matthew 10:30; Acts 27:34; Job 35:11; Psalm 8:6; Isaiah 43:3-4; Matthew 6:26; 10:31.

What are we to consider about the habits of ravens in (Luke 12:24)? _____

_____.

God feeds and cares for us and _____ alike, both are treasured by Him, but mankind is even more valuable.

Why do you think we should we not fret about having enough food and clothes?

_____.

What are arrayed finely in the field? _____ (Luke 12:27).

102. Staggered Not

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Read Romans 4:20-22; 2Kings 7:2,19; 2Chronicles 20:15-20; Jeremiah 32:16-27; Luke 1:18,45; Isaiah 35:4; Daniel 10:19, 11:32; Haggai 2:4; Zechariah 8:9,13; 1Corinthians 16:13; 2Corinthians 12:10; Ephesians 6:10; 2Timothy 2:1; Genesis 17:24; Psalms 22:4; Ro 8:38; 2Ti 1:12; Heb 11:13; Romans 14:4; Genesis 18:14; Psalms 115:3; Jeremiah 32:17,27; Matthew 19:26; Luke 1:37,45; 2Corinthians 9:8; Hebrews 11:19; Psalm 22:4; Romans 4:3,6.

Abraham believed God through faith and _____ not at His promises.

A child of God is to stand strong in the _____ and in the power of His _____ (Ephesians 6:10).

When we read (Psalm 22:4) we know that others before us trusted in God's promises and God _____ them.

What does to be fully persuaded mean? _____.

What is the biblical definition of imputed righteousness?
_____.

103. Ripping Apart A Roof

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Read Mark 2:1-4; Deuteronomy 22:8; Luke 5:19, Matthew 9:2; Acts 5:16

These men in (Mark 2:1-4) went out of their way in bringing a sick man to meet the Lord by doing what?
_____.

Is there a time you have went out of your way in bringing another to meet Christ? _____.

What did Jesus do when he met these people who were brought before Him?
_____.

Is mankind supposed to bring others front and center before Christ today in this age of grace? _____.

104. Spiritual Capitalism

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Matthew 20:1-16, 6:2,6,16; 2Kings 10:16,30-31; Ezekiel 29:18-20; Luke 15:31; 16:25; Romans 3:4,19; John 17:2; Matthew 11:25; Romans 9:15-24; . Matthew 8:11-12, 19:30, 21:31; Mark 10:31; Lu 7:47, 13:28-30, 15:7, 17:17-18; Joh 12:19-22; Ro 5:20, 9:30; Matthew 7:13, 22:14; Luke 14:24; Romans 8:30; 1Thessalonians 2:13; 2Thessalonians 2:13-14; James 1:23-25; 2Timothy 4:11; Numbers 4:48; Matthew 19:30, 22:14; Mark 10:31; Luke 13:30, 15:31; Joh 4:30.

Who benefits from God's divine brand of spiritual capitalism?
_____.

What often seems like winners in this world can often be losers in eternity, why is the first last and the last first in the eternal realm?
_____.

Where do people look for success in this world? _____. Where can a man look for success that lasts forever? _____.

Does God's spiritual capitalism reward all mankind with a trophy, like is done for sports teams, even for members who sit the bench, in this world?

105. No Dividends in Idolatry 172

Read Isaiah 46:6-7; Isaiah 40:19-20, 41:6-7, 44:12-19, 45:20; Exodus 32:2-4; Judges 17:3-4; 1Kings 12:28; Jeremiah 10:3-4,9,14; Hosea 8:4-6; Habakkuk 2:18-20; Acts 17:29; 1Samuel 5:3; Jeremiah 10:5; Daniel 3:1; Isaiah 37:38, 45:20; Judges 10:12-14; 1Kings 18:26,40; Jeremiah 2:28, John 1:5,14-16; Exodus 20:4, 34:17; Isaiah 40:19, 2:8; 44:17; Daniel 3:5-15.

Who was Dagon? _____.

What is a graven image, an idol, a molten calf?

Why did the nation of Israel make idols and disregard God's commandment concerning them?

What are some idols that people serve today rather than God?

106. Beyond Bearing 173

Read Philippians 4:1-13; John 15:4-5,7; 2Corinthians 3:4-5, 2Corinthians 12:9-10; Ephesians 3:16, 6:10; Colossians 1:11; Isaiah 40:29-31, 41:10, 45:24; Hebrews 13:21; Numbers 13:30; Isaiah 40:29.

Does "I can do all things through Christ" mean that Paul could do whatever he wanted?

What is the source of Paul's strength in making such a profound statement? _____.

Why was Paul content in the midst of such trials, troubles, and difficult circumstances?

Is there any situation or person beyond bearing in this world for a sincere child of God?

107. Building with Wisdom 175

Read Proverbs 24:3, 9:1, 14:1; 1Corinthians 3:9; Isaiah 33:6; 2Samuel 7:26; Jeremiah 10:12; Colossians 2:7.

The foundation or building blocks must be present for a building to have a firm and formidable base.

The same is true in building a _____.

We are _____ together with God according to (1 Corinthians 3:9).

(Colossians 2:7) says we are to be _____, _____, and _____ as we walk in Him.

108. He Prays for Thine 175

Read John 17:9-10, 14:16, 16:26-27; Luke 22:32, 8:34; Heb 7:25, 9:24, 1John 2:1-2, 5:19; Revelation 12:9, 13:8, 20:15; John 10:30, 16:14-15; 1Corinthians 3:21-23; Colossians 1:15-19, 2:9; I. John 5:23, 11:4, 12:23; Acts: 19:17; Galatians 1:24; Philipians 1:20, 2:9-11; 2Thessalonians 1:10,12; 1Peter 2:9; Revelation 5:8-14; Joh 10:30, 16:15.

Who does Jesus Christ pray for and come before God? _____.

Was this done just in biblical times or does Jesus Christ continually do this today?

_____.

Praying for others is intercessory prayer. Does Jesus Christ pray, or intercede for every person in this world before His Father?

_____.

Every soul belongs to God through Jesus Christ (**John 17:10**) and He desires to be _____.

109. Establish Goodness 177

Read **Amos 5:14-15; Psalm 34:14, 36:4, 37:27, 97:10, 119:104, 139:21-22; Romans 7:15-16,22, 8:7, 12:9; 1Thessalonians 5:21-22; 3John 11; Psalms 119:163; Amos 5:10,24, 6:12; 2Chronicles 19:6-11; Psalms 82:2-4; Jeremiah 7:5-7; Exodus 32:30; 2Samuel 16:12; 1Kings 20:31; 2Kings 19:4; Joel 2:14; John 3:9; Isaiah 37:4; Zephaniah 2:3.**

God is directing the nation Israel to seek _____ and flee from _____. (**Psalm 34-12-16**)

What does the Lord require in (**Micah 6:8**)? _____.

In (**Romans 7:15-16**) the Apostle Paul candidly speaks about the struggles with his carnal flesh. How does he describe fleshly fights? _____.

What struggles with your flesh do you face, as Israel did, and Paul did? What do you battle on a continual basis?

_____.

When will our fleshly struggles end? _____.

110. God Is Calling 178

Read **Matthew 11:28-30; Isaiah 45:22-25, 53:2-3, 55:1-3, John 6:37, 7:37, Revelation 22:17; Luke 14:17; John 1:39; Matthew 23:4; Genesis 3:17-19; Job 5:7, 14:1; Psalm 32:4, 38:4, 90:7-10; Ecclesiastes 1:8,14, 2:22-23, 4:8; Isaiah 1:4, 61:3, 66:2; Micah 6:6-8; Acts 15:10; Romans 7:22-25; Galatians 5:1; Isaiah 54:13; Matthew 11:29; Psalm 94:13, 116:7; Isaiah 11:10, 28:12, 48:17-18; Jeremiah 6:16; 2Thessalonians 1:7; Hebrews 4:1; Jeremiah 31:25, 35:16, Mt 23:4;; Jeremiah 6:16; Hebrews 4:3-11; Galatians 5:1,18; 1st John 5:3**

Who is God calling; His own people, Gentiles, or whosoever will hear? _____.

This is both a calling for salvation and to quench spiritual thirst with _____ water taken freely (**Revelation 22:17**).

The Lord offers _____ for souls (**Jeremiah 6:16**), but some resist God's call then and today.

Love for God calls us to keep His commandments and doing so is not _____ (**1st John 5:3**).

111. Bondage and Freedom 179

Read **Ezra 9:8-9; Nehemiah 1:11, 9:31; Habakkuk 3:2; Ezra 9:14; 2Ki 19:4,30-31; Isaiah 1:9; Jeremiah 42:2, 44:14; Ezekiel 6:8-9, 14:22; Zechariah 8:6,12; Romans 9:27, 11:5-6; Ecclesiastes 12:11; Isaiah 22:23-25; Zechariah 10:4; Isaiah 56:5; Revelation 3:12; 1 Samuel 14:27,29; Job 33:30; Psalm 13:3, 34:5; Psalms 85:6, 138:7; Isaiah 57:15; Ezekiel 37:11-14; Hosea 6:2; Isaiah 14:3; Ne 9:36-37; Psalm 106:45-46, 136:23-24; Ezekiel 11:16;. Ezra 1:1-4,7-11, 6:1-12, 7:6,8,11-28, 6:14-15; Haggai 1:9; Zechariah 4:6-10.**

This scripture verse, though it is set in the Old Testament, can and should be applied today in this New Testament avenue of Grace. The only way to Heaven was paved by the _____ of Jesus Christ.

God desires for each of us to be set free from the burden of sin. God was gracious to His _____ the Jewish people.

Where did God give His people a wall according to (Ezra 9:9)? _____ and _____.

Where were the Jewish people able to return to because of the mercy of God? _____.

112. It is Written 181

Read Matthew chapter 4, Luke 4:4,8,12; Romans 15:4; Ephesians 6:17; Deuteronomy 8:3; Exodus 16:8,15,35; 23:15; 1Kings 17:12-16; 2Kings 4:42-44; 7:1-2; Haggai 2:16-19; Malachi 3:9-11; Mark 6:38-44; 8:4-9 John 6:5-15 31-59,63; Isaiah 38:16; Matthew 6:11.

Who is to live by _____ alone?

Can we cherry pick or choose what words of God we believe and trust in?

_____.

Where is Jesus as He speaks these words in (Matthew 4:4)? _____.

Who is Jesus speaking too in this verse? _____.

113. "Spiritual Hucksters" 182

Read 2 Corinthians 2:14-17, 4:2; 11:13-15; Jeremiah 5:31, 23:27-32; Matthew 24:24; 1Timothy 1:19-20, 4:1-3; 2Timothy 2:6-18; 4:3-4; Titus 1:11; 2Peter 2:1-3; 1John 4:1; 2John 7-11; Jude 4; Revelation 2:14-15,20, 12:9, 19:20; 2Corinthians 1:12; 4:2; Acts 20:20,27; Hebrews 11:27.

Who sought (and seeks today) to corrupt God's Word?

_____.

Who is willing to speak the Truth of God and dispel false doctrines, then and today?

_____.

The Apostle Paul is a _____ preacher of Christ.

Explain both the savor of death and the savor of life _____.

114. A Called-Out Assembly 183

Read 1st Peter 2:1-9; Deuteronomy 10:15; Psalm 22:30, 33:12, 73:15; Isaiah 41:8, 44:1; Exodus 19:5-6; Isaiah 61:6, 66:21; Revelation 1:6, 5:10, 20:6; Psalm 106:5; Isaiah 26:2; John 17:19; 1Corinthians 3:17; 2Titus 1:9; Deuteronomy 26:19; 1Peter 2:5; Deuteronomy 4:20, 7:6, 14:2, 26:18-19, Acts 20:28; Ephesians 1:14; Titus 2:14; 1Peter 4:11; Isaiah 43:21, 60:1-3; Matthew 5:16; Ephesians 1:6, 3:21; Philippians 2:15-16; Isaiah 9:2, 60:1-2; Matthew 4:16; Luke 1:79; Acts 26:28; Romans 9:24; Ephesians 5:8-11; Philippians 3:14; Colossians 1:13; 1Thessalonians 5:4-8, 1Thessalonians 2:12; Leviticus 14:14; Numbers 15:41; Deuteronomy 14:2; 1Samuel 8:20; Psalms 102:21, 118:2; Isaiah 32:16, 43:21, 49:3, 66:21; Jeremiah 33:18; Romans 9:16.

What are the four descriptive terms given by the Apostle Peter in verse 9 concerning children of God? _____, _____, _____, and _____.

What has God called His children out of? From _____ to _____.

What nation and people did God choose? _____ and _____ as His own.

Why did God set aside them as His own? _____.

115. Marriage is Serious

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Read Malachi chapter 2, Le 18:24-30; Jeremiah 7:10; Ezekiel 18:13; 22:11; Revelation 21:8; Exodus 19:5-6; Leviticus 20:26; Deuteronomy 7:3-6, 14:2, 33:26-29, Psalms 106:28,34-39; Jeremiah 2:3,7-8,21-22; Genesis 6:1-2; Judges 3:6; 1Kings 11:1-8; Ezra 9:1-2,12, 10:2; Nehemiah 13:23-29; Hosea 6:7; 2Corinthians 6:14-18; Leviticus 18:29; 20:3; Numbers 15:30-31; Joshua 23:12-13; 1Samuel 2:31-34; 1Chronicles 25:8; Ezra 10:18-19; Isaiah 9:14-16; 24:1-2; Ezekiel 14:10; Hosea 4:4-5; Matthew 15:14; 2Timothy 3:13; Revelation 19:20; Numbers 24:5; Zechariah 12:7; Malachi 2:10; Genesis 4:3-5; 1Samuel 3:14; 15:22-23; Isaiah 61:8; 66:3; Amos 5:22; Deuteronomy 15:9; 1Samuel 1:9-10; 2Sa 13:19-20; Psalms 78:34-37; Ecclesiastes 4:1; Deuteronomy 26:14; Nehemiah 8:9-12; Proverbs 15:8, 21:27; Isaiah 1:11-15; Jeremiah 6:20.

What was the abomination committed in Israel concerning marriage?

Why was God upset with the choices concerning marriage?

Do you think God still place emphasis on these aspects of marriage today?

What is considered being unequally yoked in a marriage relationship?

Do you think that many people see marriage today as God has always, and will always see it?

116. A Malefactor

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Read John chapter 18 (with emphasis on 18:30; John 19:12; Mark 15:3; Luke 20:19-26, 23:2-5; Acts 25:5; Mark 10:33; Luke 24:7; Acts 3:13, Luke 18:32.

What scene is unfolding in this 18th chapter of John?

What is a malefactor? _____

Why is Jesus being called a malefactor important?

What more common terms today might one use in describing Jesus in this light today?

117. A Woman Brake Him

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Read Judges 9:48-54; 2Kings 14:10, 15:16; Judges 9:15,20; 2Samuel 11:21, 20:21; Job 31:3; Jeremiah 49:20, 50:45; 1Samuel 31:4-5

Who is Abimelech? _____

What is a strong tower that was in the city?

What did Abimelech do about this strong tower?

Who was this woman mentioned and what did she do and why?

118. Failure Not Final

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Read 1 Peter 1:1-8; 1 Peter 4:13; 1Samuel 2:1; Psalm 9:14, 35:10, 95:1; Isaiah 12:2-3, 61:3,10; Matthew 5:12; Luke 1:47, 2:10, 10:20; John 16:22; Romans 5:2,11, 12:12; 2Corinthians 6:10; 12:9-10; Galatians 5:22; Philippians 3:3, 4:4; 1Thessalonians 1:6; James 1:2,9; 1st Peter 5:10; 2Corinthians 4:17,1Pe 1:7; Psalm 119:75; Lamentations 3:32-33; Hebrews 12:7-11; Job 9:27-28; Psalm 69:20, 119:28; Isaiah 61:3; Matthew 11:28, 26:37; Romans 9:2; Philippians 2:26; Hebrews 12:11; James 4:9; Psalm 34:19; John 16:33; Acts 14:22; 1Corinthians 4:9-13; 2Corinthians 4:7-11, 11:23-27; Hebrews 11:35-38; James 1:2; 1Pe 4:12; Job 23:10; Ps 66:10-12; Pr 17:3; Isa 48:10; Jer 9:7; Zec 13:9; Mal 3:3; Ro 5:3-4; Jas 1:3-4,12; Re 2:10; 3:10; 1Peter 2:4,7; Proverbs 3:13-15, 8:19, 16:16; 2Peter 1:1,4; Ecclesiastes 5:14; Jeremiah 48:36; Luke 12:20-21,33; Acts 8:20; James 5:2-3; 2Peter 3:10-12; Revelation 18:16-17; 1Peter 4:12; Job 23:10; Psalm 66:10; Proverbs 17:3; Isaiah 48:10; Zechariah 13:9; 1Corinthians 3:13; Revelation 3:18; 1Samuel 2:30; Matthew 19:28, 25:21,23; John 5:44, 12:26; Romans 2:7,29; 1Corinthians 4:5; 2Thessolonians 1:7-12; Jude 24; 1Pe 1:5; Revelation 1:7; 2Timothy 4:1; Psalm 94:19; Proverb 17:3, 25:4; . Joh 20:29; 2Co 4:18; 5:7; Heb 11:1,27; 1Jo 4:20; 1Peter 2:7; Song of Songs 1:7, 5:9,16; Matthew 10:37, 25:35-40; John 8:42, 14:15,21,24, 21:15-17; 1Corinthians 16:22; 2Corinthians 5:14-15; Galatians 5:6; Ephesians 6:24; 1John 4:19; Habakkuk 3:17-18; Acts 16:34; Romans 14:17; 15:13; Philippians 1:25, 3:3, 4:4; John 16:22; 2Corinthians 9:15, 12:4; 1Peter 5:4; 2Corinthians 1:22; Galatians 5:22; Ephesians 1:13-14; Psalm 94:19; Luke 1:46; John 14:15; 2Corinthians 5:7.

Why might a person, especially a spiritually lost person, consider severe trials and failures as final rather than stepping stones to greater opportunities?

What does the Apostle Peter tell us we, as Christians, do when we face trials?

What should a trial do for a sincere professing Christian?

Why do trials most often affect and show in the life of a lost hearted person much differently than they do genuine hearted Christians?

119. The Heavenly Temple

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Read Revelation verses 1-19, (with emphasis on 11:19), and 14:15-17,15:5-8; 19:11; Isaiah 6:1-4, Exodus 25:21-22; Numbers 4:5,15; 10:33; 2 Corinthians 3:14-16; Hebrews 9:4-8; Revelation 11:13,15, 4:5, 8:5, 16:18, 8:7, 16:21; Exodus 9:18-29; Joshua 10:11; Job 38:22-23; Psalm 18:12; 105:32; Isaiah 28:2, 30:30, 32:19; Ezekiel 13:11, 38:22,13:13; Exodus 40:3; Joshua 4:16; Isaiah 29:6; Revelation 15:5.

What was the setting of verse 19?

What trumpet had just sounded?

_____.

What is about to take place _____.

Who is describing these events taking place to come sometime in the future in fulfilling prophecy?

_____.

120. A Gravely Ill Child

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Read 2 Samuel 12:22-23; Isaiah 38:1-3,5; Joel 1:14, 2:14; Amos 5:15; John 1:6, 3:9-10; James 4:9-10; John 3:9; . Ge 37:35; Job 30:23; Lu 23:43; Job 7:8-10.

Whose child was gravely ill? _____.

Do we know for sure What caused this illness?

_____.

What conclusions might some people come to regarding the cause of this illness which could perhaps be true?

_____.

_____.

Does our sin affect future generations? Yes, no, and why do you think that? _____.

_____.

121. Noah Took God’s Word

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Read Hebrews chapter 11 (with emphasis on verse 7); Genesis 6:13,22, 7:1,5; Matthew 24:38; Luke 17:26; 2Pe 2:5; 1Chronicles 1:4; Ezekiel 14:14; Genesis 6:13, 19:14; Exodus 9:18-21; Proverbs 22:3; 27:12; Ezekiel 3:17-19; Matthew 3:7, 24:15,25; 2Peter 3:6

Who was Noah and why did he take God’s word with faith?

_____.

_____.

What is a biblical definition of faith?

_____.

_____.

How does the world define faith?

_____.

Who else is included, with Noah, in the Bible’s Faith Hall of Fame in Hebrews 11?

_____.

_____.

122. Drive Thru Professions

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Read 2nd Timothy 3:1-7, 4:3-4; Deuteronomy 29:4; Proverbs 14:6; Isaiah 30:10-11; Ezekiel 14:4-10; Matthew 13:11; John 3:20-21, 5:44, 12:42-43; 1Corinthians 3:1-4; Ephesians 4:14; Hebrews 5:11; 1Timothy 2:4; 2Timothy 2:25; 1Titus 2:4; John 10:5.

Who never comes to an applicable knowledge of Jesus Christ? _____.

What must a person know about Jesus Christ in order to have a sincerely applicable relationship with Him? _____.

Where must a Knowledge of Jesus Christ travel and set to begin an eternal personal relationship with Him? _____.

Why is just head knowledge not enough to personally know Jesus Christ?

_____.

123. Many Are Going to Hell 195

Read John 14:2; 2Corinthians 5:1; Hebrews 11:10,14-16, 13:14; Revelation 3:12,21,21:10-27; John 12:25-26, 16:4; Luke 14:26-33; Acts 9:16; 1Thessalonians 3:3-4, 5:9; 2Thesslonians 1:4-10; Titus 1:2; Revelation 1:5; John 13:33,36, 17:24; Hebrews 6:20, 9:8,23-26, 11:16; Revelation 21:2

What can a child of God do when troubled by things in this world?

_____.

Where does a lost person focus when troubles surround him or her?

_____.

What do you think about when you imagine the place being prepared for you in eternity?

_____.

What is the biblical based definition of the word dwelling in this verse?

_____.

124. Your Leadership Style 196

Read Mark 10:44-45; Matthew 23:11; Luke 22:25-27; Matthew 20:28; John 13:14; Philippians 2:5-8; Hebrews 5:8; Isaiah 53:10-12; Daniel 9:24,26; 2Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 3:13; 1Timothy 3:4-6; Titus 2:14; 1Peter 1:19

Who is the greatest among men?

_____.

What place should God occupy in a professing Christian's heart who is also an earthly leader?

_____.

Where do lost people look for direction in leading others in this world?

_____.

Why is it best to lead from one's knees?

_____.

125. Joseph Knew Mary Not 197

Read Matthew chapter 1; Exodus 13:2, 22:29; Luke 2:7; Romans 8:29; 1Timothy 2:15; Revelation 12:5; Luke 2:21

Joseph received direction from God via an angel. How did Joseph respond concerning Mary?

_____.

_____.

Why was Joseph's response in faith important for Mary's impending birth of this child?

Explain what it means that Joseph knew Mary not.

126. Divine Love and Hate 198

Read Romans 9:8-13; Malachi 1:2-3; Genesis 29:31,33; Deuteronomy 21:15; Proverbs 13:24; Matthew 10:37; Luke 14:26; John 12:25

Who is Esau and what does his life point to today?

Who is Jacob and what does his life represent for us today?

Why was Jacob a man after God's heart?

Why did God hate Esau?

Describe the love of God and why He also has the capacity to hate.

127. Faith in God 199

Read Hebrews 11:5-6; Genesis 5:22-24; Luke 3:37; Jude 14; 2Kings 2:11; Psalm 89:48; John 8:51-52; 2 Kings 2:16-17; Jeremiah 36:26; Revelation 11:9-12; Hebrews 11:3-6; Romans 8:8-9; 1Thessalonians 2:4; 1 John 3:22; Heb 3:12,18-19; 4:2,6; Numbers 14:11; 20:12; Psalm 78:22,32; 106:21-22,24; Isaiah 7:9; Mark 16:17; John 3:18-19, 8:24; Galatians 5:6; Revelation 21:8; Hebrews 7:25; Job 21:14; Psalm 73:28; Isaiah 55:3; Jeremiah 2:31; John 14:6; Romans 10:14; Hebrews 11:26; Genesis 15:1; Ruth 2:12; Psalm 58:11; Proverb 11:18; Matthew 5:12, 6:1-2,5,16, 10:41-42; Luke 6:35; 1Chronicles 28:9; Psalms 105:3-4, 119:10; Proverbs 8:17; Song 3:1-4; Jeremiah 29:13-14; Matthew 6:33; Luke 12:31; Genesis 5:22; Psalm 78:22.

Give a biblical definition of placing faith in God.

Describe what kind of faith is often exercised in this world by lost hearts?

What does it mean that Enoch was translated?

Can a person please God without trusting in Him?

128. Dynamics of Death 201

Read Ecclesiastes 12:7-8, 3:20; Genesis 3:19, 18:27; Job 4:19-20, 7:21, 20:11, 34:14-15; Psalms 90:3, 146:4; Daniel 12:2; Genesis 2:7; Ecclesiastes 3:21; Malachi 2:15; Numbers 16:22, 27:16; Isaiah 57:16; Jeremiah 38:16; Zechariah 12:1; Hebrews 12:9,23; Genesis 23:19; Job 34:15; Zechariah 1:5

What does "return to the ground" mean? _____.

Does this apply to each person alive in this world? _____.

Who wrote the book of Ecclesiastes and what did he pen about the spirit of man upon death?

_____.

Do you believe that God's Word and Science agree about the makeup of mankind being nothing more than the components of dust of the ground?

_____.

129. Moved by Fear 202

Read Hebrews 11:7; Genesis 6:13,22, 7:1,5; Matthew 24:38; Luke 17:26; 2Peter 2:5; 1Chronicles 1:4; Ezekiel 14:14; Genesis 6:13, 19:14; Exodus 9:18-21; Proverbs 22:3, 27:12; Ezekiel 3:17-19; Matthew 3:7, 24:15,25; 2Peter 3:6; Hebrews 11:1

The presence of fear either _____ or _____ action.

What caused Noah to act and what did he do?

_____.

What are the two types of fear mentioned in this devotion? _____ and _____.

Define the two types of fear using scripture verses.

_____.

130. Less Than His Best 203

Read 1st Samuel 12:24; Job 28:28; Psalm 111:10; Proverb 1:7; Exodus 12:13; Hebrews 12:29; Psalm 119:80; John 1:47; Joh 4:23; Ezra 9:13-14; Isaiah 5:12; Romans 12:1; Heb 12:3; Deuteronomy 10:21; Psalm 126:2-3

What two things was the nation of Israel instructed to do in (1st Samuel 12:24) and is this teaching still relevant for us today?

_____.

When considering all things God has done for us, both individually and collectively, what can it do for our outlook on life?

_____.

What is the context of (Psalm 22) and how can this prophecy, which already came to pass, affect your outlook today?

_____.

What is the context of (Isaiah 53) and how can the prophecy revealed here, which has already come to pass, affect your eternal outlook today?

131. The Door of The Sheep 204

Read John 10:1-18, 14:6; Ephesians 2:18; Hebrews 10:19-22; Psalms 79:13, 95:7,100:3; Isaiah 53:6; Ezekiel 34:31; Luke 15:4-6.

Who is speaking in (John 10:7)? _____

Other I AM phrases are found in John chapter ten, what are they?

Explain "I am the door of the sheep..." as was recorded in (John 10:7).

Who was the sheep pointing to, then and now?

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132. But God Was 205

Read Acts 7:9-16, Genesis 37:4-11, 49:23; Matthew 27:18; Acts 17:5; Genesis 37:18-29, 45:4, 50:15-20; Psalms 105:17; Genesis 39:2,5,21-23, 49:24; Isaiah 41:10, 43:2; Proverbs 27:4.

Who is speaking of the past being under the influence of the Holy Spirit in pointing to the Old Testament in (Acts 7:9)?

What do you think was the purpose in referring to Joseph and his brothers?

What is the setting of (Acts chapter 7)?

What does it mean that God was with Joseph?

133. To Dress and Keep It 206

Read Genesis 2:08-17, Genesis 2:2; Job 31:33; Psalm 128:2; Ephesians 4:28

Who was the man God created? _____

What was the job God give this man to do? _____

Where do you think the Garden of Eden is today? _____

Does God have a job(s) for every person to do in this world?

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134. Of the Same Bloodline 207

Read Acts 17:24-26; Genesis 3:20, 9:19; Malachi 2:10; Romans 5:12-19; 1 Corinthians 15:22,47; Acts 15:18; Deuteronomy 32:7-8; Job 14:5; Psalm 31:15; Isaiah 14:31, 45:21; Daniel 11:27,35; Hebrews 2:3; Genesis 10:31, 19:7; Acts 15:18.

All blood lines in this world can be traced back to who?

_____.

Why was the tracing of one’s blood line necessary in ancient times?

_____.

Where does the thoughts of discrimination and division by types and skin color come from if mankind collectively is of one blood line?

_____.

Who carried on this one bloodline of mankind after the flood?

_____.

135. Obey Without Hesitation

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Read Matthew 21:1-6; Genesis 6:22, 12:4; Exodus 39:43, 40:16; 1Samuel 15:11; John 15:14

Give a biblical definition of obedience.

_____.

Name some obedient people mentioned in God’s Word.

_____.

_____.

Did obedience to God make their lives free from persecution and trials? **YES NO** and **why?**

_____.

Like these disciples in (**Matthew 21:6**), we too are to be obedient without hesitation or resort to asking God multiple questions, why is this true?

_____.

_____.

136. Fear God and Live

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Read Luke 12:4-5; Song of Songs 5:1,16; Isaiah 41:8; John 15:14; James 2:23, 51:7-13; Jeremiah 1:8,17, 26:14-15; Ezekiel 2:6; Daniel 3:16-17; Matthew 10:28; Acts 4:13, 20:24; Philippians 1:28; 1Peter 3:14; Revelation 2:10; Psalm 89:7; . Mark 13:23; 1Th 4:6; Proverbs 14:26; Jeremiah 5:22, 10:7; Revelation 14:7, 15:4; Leviticus 25:17; Deuteronomy 6:2; Job 37:24; Isaiah 51:7; Psalm 9:17; Matthew 10:28, 25:41,46; 2Peter 2:4; Revelation 20:14; Psalms 89:7,90:11

Why should a spiritually regenerated person not fear anyone who can kill the body?

_____.

What can no man change in any way concerning a child of God? _____.

Why, on the other hand, should all mankind fear God?

_____.

_____.

Why, sadly, do many people choose not to fear God but become weak in the knees towards things of this world?

_____.

_____.

137. Not the Work of Men

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Read 2nd Timothy 3:16-17; 2Sa 23:2; Mt 21:42, 22:31-32,43, 26:54,56; Mark 12:24,36; John 10:35; Acts 1:16, 28:25; Romans 3:2, 15:4; Galatians 3:8; Hebrews 3:7, 4:12; 2 Peter 1:19-21; Psalm 19:7-11, 119:97-104,130; Micah 2:7; Acts 20:20,27; 1 Corinthians 12:7; Ephesians 4:11-16; 2 Timothy 3:10, 4:2; Proverbs 6:23, 15:10, 31; John 3:20; Ephesians 5:11-13; Hebrews 11:1; 2 Timothy 2:25; Deuteronomy 4:36; Nehemiah 9:20; Psalm 119:9,11; Matthew 13:52; Acts 18:25; Romans 2:20; Deuteronomy 4:8, 17:19; Proverbs 1:2, 18:15, 22:20; John 20:30; Romans 4:23; Psalms 119:98-100; 1 Timothy 6:11; Deuteronomy 33:1; Joshua 14:6; Nehemiah 12:24; 2 Timothy 2:21; Nehemiah 2:18; Acts 9:36; 2 Corinthians 9:8; Ephesians 2:10; Titus 2:14, 3:1; Hebrews 10:24; Deuteronomy 4:8, 17:19; Proverbs 1:2, 18:15, 22:20; John 20:30; Romans 4:23; Psalm 12-6-7.

Where does all scripture originate? _____.

What is the difference between words being a work of mankind and scripture being "God-breathed?"

What will happen to words of man, as well as the divine words of God when this world is destroyed?

(Psalm 12:6-7) tells us that God's Words are _____ which is impossible with words used in this world.

138. Verbally Inspired Words

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Read 2nd Samuel 23:2; Matthew 22:43; Mark 12:36; Acts 2:25-31; Hebrews 3:7-8; 2 Peter 1:21; Numbers 24:16; Luke 2:30; Hebrews 10:15

Whose words were inspired of God? _____.

Define words being verbally inspired of God _____.

Why was Zechariah's mouth zippered shut for a time by God?

Name others mentioned in the Bible who inspired of God to write or speak as God directed them.

139. God Perfectly Prepares

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Read Hebrews 13:20-21; Romans 15:33, 16:20; 1 Corinthians 14:33; 2 Corinthians 13:11; Philippians 4:9; 1 Thessalonians 5:23; 2 Thessalonians 3:16; 1 Peter 5:10; Acts 2:24,32, 3:15, 4:10, 5:30, 10:40-41, 13:30, 17:31; Romans 1:4, 4:24-25, 8:11; 1 Corinthians 6:14, 15:15; 2 Corinthians 4:14; Galatians 1:1; Ephesians 1:20; Colossians 2:12; 1 Thessalonians 1:10; 1 Peter 1:21; Psalm 23:1, 80:1; Isaiah 40:11, 63:11; Ezekiel 34:23, 37:24; John 10:11,14; 1 Peter 2:25, 5:4; Hebrews 9:20, 10:22; Exodus 24:8; Zechariah 9:11; Matthew 26:28; Mark 14:24; Luke 22:20; Hebrews 10:29; 2 Samuel 23:5; 1 Chronicles 16:17; Isaiah 55:3; 61:8; Jeremiah 32:40; Ezekiel 37:26; Ge 9:16; Revelation 14:6; Hebrews 9:16-17; Deuteronomy 29:9; Acts 10:40, 13:30, 1 Corinthians 15:13; Heb 12:23; De 32:4; Ps 138:8; Joh 17:23; Eph 3:16-19; Col 1:9-12; 4:12; 1 Th 3:13; 5:23; 2 Th 2:17; 1 Pe 5:10; 2 Corinthians 9:8; Ephesians 2:10; Philippians 1:11; 2 Thessalonians 2:17; 1 Timothy 5:10; Hebrews 10:36; Matthew 7:21, 12:50, 21:31; John 7:17; Romans 12:2; 1 Thessalonians 4:3; 1 Peter 4:2; 1 John 2:17; Philippians 2:13; Hebrews 13:16; Romans 12:1, 14:17-18; Philippians 4:18; Colossians 3:20; 1 John 3:22; John 16:23-24; Ephesians 2:18; Philippians 1:11, 4:13; Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 2:5; Psalms 72:18-19; Romans 16:27; Galatians 1:5; Philippians 2:11; 1 Timothy 1:17,6:16; 2 Timothy 4:18; 1 Peter 5:11; 2 Peter 3:18; Jude 25; Revelation 4:6, 5:9,13; Romans 11:36; Matthew 6:13, 28:20; Deuteronomy 29:9; Psalm 119:5.

God is the God of _____ who brought _____ back from the dead _____
 _____ of the everlasting _____. (**Hebrews 13:20**)

What does the Bible have to tell us about the perfecting work of God? After you suffer for awhile (**1 Peter 5:10**) he will _____, _____, _____, _____.

In (**John 10:11**) the _____ giveth his _____ for the _____.

140. Who is The Greatest 214

Read Luke 22:24-27, 9:46; Matthew 20:20-28; Mark 9:34, 10:37-41; Romans 12:10; 1 Corinthians 13:4; Philippians 2:3-5; James 4:5-6; 1 Peter 5:5-6; Mark 10:41-45; Luke 9:46, 48; Matthew 18:3-5; 23:8-12; Romans 12:2; 1 Peter 5:3; 3 John 9-10; Luke 12:37, 17:7-9; Matthew 20:28; John 13:5-16; 2 Corinthians 8:9; Philippians 2:7-8; Matthew 23:11; Luke 9:46; Philippians 2:5

Who will be the greatest in the kingdom of heaven according to (**Matthew 18:3-5**)?

_____.

(**Luke 14:11**) gives God's spiritual recipe for being elevated in the eyes of God, which is:

_____.

Being considered great has nothing to do with ourselves but lies with _____.

141. Gird Up Your Mind 215

Read 1st Peter 1:13; Exodus 12:11; 1 Kings 18:46; 2 Kings 4:29; Job 38:3, 40:7; Isaiah 11:5; Jeremiah 1:17; Luke 12:35; 17:8; Ephesians 6:14; 1 Peter 4:7, 5:8; Luke 21:34-35; Romans 13:13; 1 Thessalonians 5:6-7; 1 Peter 1:3-5, 3:15; Romans 15:4-13; 1 Corinthians 13:13; 1 Thessalonians 5:8; Hebrews 3:6, 6:19; 1 John 3:3; Lamentations 3:26

Give a biblical definition for girding up your mind.

_____.

The word sober in God's Word means to _____.

Why are we called to be sober as we sojourn in this world?

_____.

"Hope and wait quietly for the salvation of _____..." this instruction comes from what verse? _____.

142. God's Judgement 216

Read Jeremiah 30:23; . Jeremiah 23:19-20, 25:32; Psalm 58:9; Proverbs 1:27; Zechariah 9:14; Jeremiah 23:19

A whirlwind of the Lord points to the _____ of God.

A whirlwind brings destruction to the _____ as it falls grievously on their head.

When God sends destruction there is _____ limit to His presence and power.

God's judgement is _____, _____ and _____.

143. Body, Soul, Spirit 217

Read 1st Thessalonians 5:23; Romans 15:5,13,33; 16:20; 1 Corinthians 14:33; 2 Corinthians 5:19; Philippians 4:9; 2 Thessalonians 3:16; Hebrews 13:20; 1 Peter 5:10; 1 Corinthians 1:9; 1 Thessalonians 3:13, 4:3; Leviticus 20:8,26; Ezekiel 37:28; Joh 17:19; Acts 20:32, 26:18; 1 Corinthians 1:2; Hebrews 2:11;

1Peter 1:2; Jude 1 Hebrews 4:12, 1Thessalonians 4:3; 1 Thessalonians 3:13; 1 Corinthians 1:8-9; Ephesians 5:26-27; Philippians 1:6,10, 2:15-16; Colossians 1:22; Jude 24

What is “sanctify you wholly...”

What is preserve blameless.

What is the inheritance of those who are sanctified? _____

Explain the difference between an eternal position in Christ and a daily walk and practice with Him.

144. Groaning About Sin

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Read Romans 8:20-22; Genesis 3:17-19, 5:29, 6:13; Job 12:6-10; Isaiah 24:5-6; Jeremiah 12:4,11, 14:5-6; Hosea 4:3; Joel 1:18; 2Pe 3:13; Romans 8:19; Revelation 22:3-5; Romans 8:20; Mark 16:15; Colossians 1:23; Psalms 48:6; Jeremiah 12:11; John 16:21; Revelation 12:2; Genesis 7:21; Leviticus 18:28, 26:35; Joel 1:18; Genesis 7:21; Ecclesiastes 1:2

What is being “subject to vanity...” as found in (**Romans 8:20**)?

What gives a man or woman of God hope for their future?

As stated in (**revelation 22:3-5**), what will take away the curse one day soon?

What and who are naturally subject to the curse in this world?

145. One Soul Makes A Difference

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Read Genesis 18:29-32, Genesis 18:30; Judges 6:39; Proverbs 15:8; Isaiah 42:6-7; James 5:15-17; 1st John 5:15-16; Exodus 32:9-10,14, 33:13-14, 34:6-7,9-10; Numbers 14:11-20; Job 33:23; Psalms 86:5; Isaiah 65:8; Micah 7:18; Matthew 7:7; Ephesians 3:20; James 5:16

Who was asking God in (**Genesis 18:29-32**) about finding righteous hearts in this world?

God does not play a “spiritual numbers game” for His Word does what in (**Isaiah 55:11**) despite any untoward circumstances toward Truth?

God’s mercy is so great that perhaps He would not choose to destroy this earth if even _____ is found.

Why is knowing about the extent of His mercy in ancient times important for us today?

(**Ephesians 3:20**) gives us an idea of the unlimited presence and the power _____ is _____ and reaching even one soul makes a world of difference!

146. The Ultimate Authority**221**

Read **Matthew 28:18; Matthew 11:27, 16:28; Psalm 2:6-9, 89:19,27, 110:1-3; Isaiah 9:6-7, Daniel 7:14; Luke 1:32-33, 10:22; John 3:35, 5:22-27, 13:3, 17:2; Acts 2:36, 10:36; Romans 14:9; 1 Corinthians 15:27; Ephesians 1:20-22; Philippians 2:9-11; Colossians 1:16-19; Hebrews 1:2, 2:8; 1Peter 3:22; Revelation 11:15, 17:14, 19:16; Genesis 25:5, 41:41; Mark 13:10; Joh 5:22, 16:15; 1 Corinthians 15:27**

It can be said that authority begins and ends with God. **True false**

I will make my _____ higher than the kings of this earth said _____ in (**Psalm 89:27**).

A person alive in this world can choose to be subject to God or not, however, Jesus has been given all power on _____ and _____.

“ _____, _____, and _____ are made subject to him...” (**1st Peter 3:22**).

147. A Good Question**222**

Read **Acts 17:17-29; Exodus 2:13-15; Genesis 13:8, 45:24, Psalm 133:1; Proverb 18:19; John 15:17-18; 1 Corinthians 6:6-8; Philippians 2:1,3; 1 John 3:11-15; Acts 7:54; 5:33; Genesis 19:19; 1 Samuel 25:14-15; Proverbs 9:7-8; Acts 7:35,39, 3:13-15, 4:7,11-12; Matthew 21:23; Luke 12:14; John 18:36-37, 19:12-15; Exodus 2:14; Luke 20:2; Mark 11:28; Mark 11:28; Acts 7:24; Exodus 2:14-22, 4:19-20,18:2-4.**

In this verse (**Acts 7:26**): “**he shewed himself unto them as they strove...**” who is he and them who strove?

_____.

What were these two men fighting about?

_____.

In (**Exodus 2:14**), an ancient example of “do not judge me...” What did Moses say about being questioned?

_____.

What had Moses done in anger making him flee?

_____.

Overall, Moses had spiritual business in his own life with God because of his anger towards another rather than _____ Moses killed him. These two men striving also needed to find _____ love towards one another.

148. Like A Bear Plucks**224**

Read **John 10:28-29, 3:15-16,36, 5:39-40, 6:27,40,47,68, 11:25, 17:2; Romans 5:21, 6:23; 1Timothy 1:16; 1 John 2:25, 5:13-20; Jude 21; John 4:14; 5:24; 6:37,39-40; 14:19, 17:11-12, 18:9, 1 Samuel 2:9; Job 17:9; Psalm 37:28, 103:17-18, 125:1-2; Proverbs 4:18, 24:16; Isaiah 45:17, 54:17, 55:3; Jeremiah 31:3,34, 32:40; Mark 13:22; Romans 5:2,9,17, 8:1,29,33-39; Philippians 1:6; Colossians 3:3-4; 2 Thessalonians 2:13; 1Peter 1:5; Hebrews 7:25; 1 John 2:19, 5:13,18; Jude 1,24; Deuteronomy 33:3; Psalm 31:5; Luke 22:31-32, 23:46; Acts 7:59; 2 Timothy 1:12; Hebrews 7:25; Jeremiah 23:4; Isaiah 43:11; 1John 2:25**

Eternal life is living _____. The consequence of sin and death has been _____.

Who cannot be “plucked out” of His hand? _____.

Who can receive the gift of _____ and find _____?

A new life in Christ is a relationship that lasts _____.

Just as sheep are kept in a sheep cote by a shepherd, God protects _____.

149. A Deadly Decision

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Read Leviticus 10:1-5, 16:1, 22:9; Exodus 6:23, 24, 24:9, 28:1; Numbers 3:3-4, 26:61; Leviticus 16:12; Exodus 27:3, 38:3; Numbers 16:6-7, 16:16-17, 16:46; Hebrews 9:4; Exodus 30:1-9, 30:34-36, 31:11, 37:29, 40:27; 1 Kings 13:1-22; Chronicles 26:16-20; Psalms 141:2; Jeremiah 44:8, 44:15, 44:19-2; 1 Luke 1:9-11; Revelation 8:3-5, 9:24; Leviticus 16:12; Numbers 16:18; 16:46; 30:9; Deuteronomy 4:2, 12:32, 17:3; Jeremiah 7:31, 19:5, 32:35

Who are Nadab and Abihu?

What was the strange fire that they offered unto God?

Why was this not acceptable to God?

Why can't a child of God offer to Him whatever they want or what pleases them?

150. Cut Off and Cast Away

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Read Matthew 5:29-30, 11:6; 13:21, 16:23, 18:6-7, 26:31; Luke 17:2; Romans 9:33, 14:20-21; 1 Corinthians 8:13; Galatians 5:11; 1 Peter 2:8; Matthew 22:13, 25:20; Luke 12:5; Proverb 23:31.

Does God really mean for a person to pluck out his right eye if it offends?

What does this example of plucking out an eye really point to?

The church cannot tolerate sin among members and separation from a sinner is a necessary division as a sinner _____ God and must be disciplined accordingly.

151. Your New Identity

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Read Philippians 3:4-12, 3:13,16; Psalm 119:5,173-176; Romans 7:19-24; Galatians 5:17; 1 Timothy 6:12; James 3:2; Job 17:9; Psalm 138:8; Proverbs 4:18; 1 Corinthians 13:10; 2 Corinthians 7:1, 13:9; Ephesians 4:12; Hebrews 12:23, 13:21; 1 Peter 5:10; 2 Peter 1:5-8, 3:18; Philippians 3:14; Psalms 42:1, 63:1-3,8, 84:2, 94:15; Isaiah 51:1; Hosea 6:3; 1 Thessalonians 5:15; 1 Titus 5:10, 6:11; Hebrews 12:14; 1 Pe 3:11-13; Philippians 3:14; 1 Titus 6:12; Psalm 110:2-3; Acts 9:3-6,15; Ephesians 1:4; 2 Thessalonians 2:13

The Apostle Paul was not stating that he was already perfect, or that he had attained perfection on his own, but that

In the present tense the only way a person can be perfect is

Where and when will a man be made perfect?

What is a new identity in Christ?

152. Trusting God's Word

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Read 2 Peter 3:3-4; 1 Timothy 4:1-2; 2 Timothy 3:1; 1 John 2:18; Jude 18; Proverbs 1:22, 3:34, 14:6; Isaiah 5:19, 28:14, 29:20; Hosea 7:5; 2 Peter 2:10; 2 Corinthians 4:2; Jude 16,18; Proverbs 9:12, 14:25; Jeremiah 17:15; Zechariah 1:5

Why do you think that many people are motivated by their own interests rather than trusting in God's interests?

A subjective and liberal look at things of God lead directly to loss of direction and hope and believing in _____ and _____ according to (1st Timothy 4:1).

_____ walk after their own desires, but _____ is for the humble.

It is true, _____ gather at the carcass.

153. Prophecy Is of God

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Read 2nd Peter 1:19-21; Luke 1:70; 2 Timothy 3:16; 1 Peter 1:11; Deuteronomy 33:1; Joshua 14:6; 1 Kings 13:1, 17:18,24; 2 Kings 4:7,9,22, 6:10,15; 1 Chronicles 23:14; 2 Chronicles 8:14; Numbers 16:28; 2 Samuel 23:2; Micah 3:7; Luke 1:70; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; Revelation 19:10; Mark 12:36; Acts 1:16, 3:18, 28:25; Hebrews 3:7, 9:8, 10:15; 2 Samuel 23:2; Proverbs 22:20; Jeremiah 30:2; Ezekiel 35:1; Hebrews 10:15.

Define what is prophecy _____.

Prophecy is more than stories, fables, tall tales, traditions, or words of man, it is _____ given of _____.

What prophecy is left yet to be fulfilled?

Name some ancient prophets, major and minor, God used to deliver His prophecy.

154. Saved and Serving

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Read John 6:36-40, 6:33; 3:13,31; Ephesians 4:9; John 4:34, 5:30; Psalms 40:7-8; Isaiah 53:10; Matthew 20:28, 26:39-42; Romans 15:3; Philippians 2:7-8; Hebrews 5:8, 10:7-9; Luke 22:42; John 12:49, 6:40; Matthew 18:14; Luke 12:32; Romans 8:28-31; 2Thessalonians 2:13-14; 2Timothy 2:19; John 10:27-30, 17:12, 18:9; 1 Samuel 25:29; Colossians 3:3-4; 1 Peter 1:5; Jude 1; John 6:40,44,54, 5:28, 11:24-26, 12:48; Ro 8:11; Philippians 3:20-21; John 7:16,12:49, 1:14, 4:14, 8:56; Isaiah 45:21-22, 52:10, 53:2; Luke 2:30; 2 Corinthians 4:6; Hebrews 11:1,27; 1 Peter 1:8; 1 John 1:1-3; John 6:27,35,54, 3:15-18,36; 5:24; 10:28, 12:50, 17:2; Mark 16:16; Romans 5:21, 6:23; 1 John 2:25, 5:11-13; Jude 21; John 11:25

Who is speaking in John 6:36-40? _____.

What was the will of His Father _____.

When can you say “NO” to God? _____.

What is free will as opposed to God’s will?
_____.

155. Every Work Revealed

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Read 1st Corinthians 3:10-13; 4:5; 2 Timothy 3:9; 1 Corinthians 1:8; Malachi 3:17; Romans 2:5,16; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10; 2 Timothy 1:18; 2 Peter 3:10; Revelation 20:12; Luke 2:35; Isaiah 8:20, 28:17; Jeremiah 23:29; Ezekiel 13:10-16; Zechariah 13:9; 1 Peter 1:7, 4:12; Matthew 7:27; Luke 14:30

What can a man hide from God? _____.

Some hearts are spiritually lost, while others are spiritually _____, or lazy about serving God.

Spiritual folly will be _____ according to (2 Timothy 3:9), unto _____ men.

Even the _____ of _____ will be revealed (Luke 2:35).

156. “Strange Marriages”

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Read Ezra 10:1-5; Daniel 9:3-4, 9:20; Acts 10:30; Leviticus 26:40-41; Psalms 32:5; Hosea 14:2; 1 John 1:8-10; Psalms 119:136; Jeremiah 9:1,13:17; Zechariah 12:10; Luke 19:41; Romans 9:2; 1 Kings 8:30; 1 Kings 9:32; Chronicles 20:9; Deuteronomy 31:122; Chronicles 20:13; Nehemiah 10:28; Joel 2:16-18; Acts 21:5; Judges 2:4-5; Nehemiah 8:9

What is a strange marriage according to God’s Word?
_____.

In Ezra chapter 9 God spoke of the abominations of the people and in the beginning of chapter 10 the people were _____ and _____ before God.

Marriage is a picture of the spiritual union between _____ and mankind and should not ever be taken lightly.

157. God’s Spiritual Laundry

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Read Psalm 51:1-4, Psalm 51:7; Ezekiel 36:25; Zechariah 13:1; 1 Corinthians 6:11; Hebrews 9:13-14, 10:21-22; 1 John 1:7-9; Revelation 1:5, 7:14; 2 Kings 5:13; Psalm 51:7, 19:12; Leviticus 15:5, 16:30; Jeremiah 33:8

What was David pleading to God about? _____.

Define sanctification from God’s Word
_____.

1st Corinthians 6:11 says that a man of God will be _____, _____, _____
by the _____.

“Spiritual laundry”, or cleansing of God, is removal of _____.

158. Belief in God

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Read 1st John 2:22-23; 1 John 2:22, 4:15; Matthew 11:27; Luke 10:22; John 5:23, 8:19, 10:30, 14:9-10, 15:23-24; 2 John 9-11; Joh 15:23

If you know God, you know _____ and _____.

It is true, head knowledge does not always equate to _____ of God.

Why does a profession of faith not always equate to a person relationship with God?

159. Doctrinal Conflicts and Questions 237

Read Acts 15:1-6, 21:20, 26:5-6; Philippians 3:5-8; Acts 24:5, 15:1,24; Galatians 5:1-3; Acts 15:25, 6:2, 21:18; Proverbs 15:22; Matthew 18:20; Hebrews 13:7,17

What was the controversy which arose with these certain men mentioned in **(Acts 15:1)**?

Define who are the Pharisees. _____

What does circumcision mean among these ancient Jewish men?

Why are the beliefs of the Pharisees not in line with what is taught in God's Word?

160. Hijacking Truth of God 239

Read Matthew 7:15-20; Matthew 10:17, 16:6,11; Mark 12:38; Luke 12:15, Acts 13:40; Philippians 3:2; Colossians 2:8; 2 Peter 3:17; Matthew 24:4-5,11,24-25; Deuteronomy 13:1-3; Isaiah 9:15-16; Jeremiah 14:14-16, 23:13-16, 28:15-17, 29:21,32; Ezekiel 13:16,22; Micah 3:5-7,11; Mark 13:22-23; 2 Peter 2:1-3; 1 John 4:1; Revelation 19:20; Zechariah 13:4; Mark 12:38-40; Romans 16:17-18; 2 Corinthians 11:13-15; Galatians 2:4; Ephesians 4:14, 5:6; Colossians 2:8; 1 Timothy 4:1-3; 2 Timothy 3:5-9,13, 4:3; 2 Peter 2:1-3,18-19; Jude 4; Revelation 13:11-17; Isaiah 56:10-11; Ezekiel 22:25; Micah 3:5; Zephaniah 3:3-4; Acts 20:29-31; Revelation 17:6; Proverbs 19:27; Matthew 24:11.

Define what are false prophets mentioned in God's Word?

What does **"deliver you up to the counsels..."** and **"they will scourge you..."** mean in **(Matthew 10:17)**?

What is sheep's clothing and what does it mean in context to a false prophet?

What three things does **(Philippians 3:2)** instruct a man to be aware of, and why?

What does Psalm 119:11 instruct a man or woman of God to do with His Word?

161. A Rod and Reproof 240

Read Proverbs 29:15, 29:17,21, 22:6,15, 23:13-14; Hebrews 12:10-11; Proverbs 10:1,5, 17:21,25; 1 Kings 1:6; Proverbs 13:24, 23:13, 29:17.

What does the rod and reproof bring to a child as written in (**Proverbs 29:15**)?

_____.

Failing to apply rod and reproof brings what to a mother according to (**Proverbs 29:15**)?

_____.

What promise is found in (**Proverbs 22:6**)?

_____.

What is chastening and what does it ultimately bring, though it can be unpleasant for a time, into a person's life?

_____.

A child will often try to _____ a parent's resolve until they give in to their childish demands.

162. A Cog in The Machine

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Read **1st Peter 5:8**; . **1 Peter 1:13, 4:7; Matthew 24:48-50; Luke 12:45-46, 21:34,36; Romans 13:11-13; 1 Thessalonians 5:6-8; 1 Timothy 2:9,15, 3:2,11; Titus 1:8, 2:2,4,6,12; Esther 7:6; Job 1:6, 2:2; Psalm 109:6, Isaiah 50:8; Zechariah 3:1; Luke 22:31; Matthew 4:1,11, 13:39, 25:41; John 8:44; Ephesians 4:27, 6:11; James 4:7; 1John 3:8-10; Revelation 12:9, 20:2,10; Revelation 2:10; Judges 14:5; Psalm 104:21; Proverb 19:12, 20:2; Isaiah 5:29-30, 14:12-13; Jeremiah 2:15, 51:38; Ezekiel 19:7; Hosea 11:10; Joel 3:16; Amos 1:2, 3:4,8; Zechariah 11:3; 2 Timothy 4:17; Revelation 12:12; Job 1:7, 2:2; Ezekiel 22:25; Daniel 6:24; Hosea 13:8; Matthew 25:13; Mark 5:12, 13:33; 2 Corinthians 2:11; Ephesians 4:27.**

Why is a child of God to be sober and vigilant according to (**1st Peter 5:8**)?

_____.

What three things does (**1 Peter 1:13**) mention a person should do as he or she lives inside the grace of God in this world? _____ and _____.

What are some of the "cogs" mentioned in the above verses which are the dark work of the devil in this world?

_____.

163. Never Perplexed or Powerless

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Read **Jeremiah 32:26-27; Numbers 16:22, 27:16; Psalm 65:2; Isaiah 64:8; Luke 3:6; John 17:2; Romans 3:29-30; Jeremiah 32:17; Matthew 19:26**

Who is speaking to Jeremiah in (**Jeremiah 32:27**)? _____.

Please explain "the God of all flesh..." in (**Jeremiah 32:26**).

_____.

Is there anything that is impossible for God?

_____.

164. He Encampeth About

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Read Psalm 34:7, 91:11; 2Kings 6:17, 19:35; Daniel 6:22; Matthew 18:10; Luke 16:22; Hebrews 1:14; Acts 12:7; Genesis 32:1-2; Zechariah 9:8; Act 5:19

Who is referred to by David in (Psalm 34:7) who “encampeth about...”?
_____.

This Psalm is one of _____ and _____ in times of trouble and trials.

In 2nd Kings 6:17, _____ found hope in the midst of trouble.

Who opened the prison doors to free Peter and other disciples who were tossed in prison (Acts 5:19).
_____.

Do you think the _____ of the _____ encampeth about you today?

165. God’s Welfare Plan

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Read Psalm 23; Isaiah 30:23; Ezekiel 34:13-14; Psalm 46:4; Isaiah 49:9-10; Revelation 7:17, 21:6, 22:1,17; Job 34:29; Isaiah 8:6; Ezekiel 34:15.

Who is the Shepherd? _____.

What are green pastures?
_____.

Give some examples of still waters you have been given in your life.
_____.

This entire Psalm shows the _____ David has in the power, presence, and grace of God.

How is your assurance level in God’s spiritual welfare plan?
_____.

166. Desperate Jochebed

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Read Exodus chapter 2; Exodus 1:22; Matthew 2:13,16; Acts 7:19; Exodus 15:20; Numbers 12:1-15, 20:1, 26:59; Micah 6:4; Exodus 2:7; Isaiah 18:2

What are bulrushes? And who was this desperate mother who placed her baby boy in a basket made with them?
_____.

Who found this baby floating down the river and rescued him?
_____.

What was the reason the Pharaoh decreed all baby males under the age of two were to be killed?
_____.

When Jesus was born, soon after, his family had to flee to _____ because King _____ was seeking to kill him.

167. Identifying with Christ

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Read 1 Peter 4:12-14; 1 Peter 4:4; Isaiah 28:21; 1 Pe 1:7; Daniel 11:35; 1 Corinthians 3:13; 1 Peter 5:9; 1 Corinthians 10:13; 1Thessalonians 3:2-4; 2 Titus 3:12; . 1 Pe 1:6; Mt 5:12; Luke 6:22-23; Acts 5:41, 16:25; Romans 5:3; 2Corinthians 4:17, 12:9-10; James 1:2-3; Philippians 3:1; 1 Peter 5:1,10; Romans 8:17; 2

Corinthians 1:7, 4:10; Philippians 3:10; Colossians 1:24; 2 Timothy 2:12; Revelation 1:7-9; 1 Peter 1:5-6,13; Matthew 16:27, 25:31; Mark 8:38; Luke 17:30; 2Thessalonians 1:7-10; 1 Peter 1:8; Isaiah 25:9, 35:10, 51:11, Mt 25:21,23,34

Every person who professes a personal relationship with Christ will certainly face _____ according to **(1 Peter 4:12)**.

A child of God is to _____ in suffering for Christ.

In fact, living a crucified life (Galatians 2:20) is not for _____ and _____.

(Romans 5:3) tells us that _____ worketh _____, meaning they are for our spiritual benefit.

168. Satisfied with Your Lot

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Read 1st Timothy 6:6; 1 Timothy 4:8; Psalm 37:16, 84:11; Proverbs 3:13-18, 8:18-21, 15:16, 16:8; Matthew 6:32-33; Luke 12:31-32; Romans 5:3-5, 8:28; 2 Corinthians 4:17-18, 5:1; Philippians 1:21; Hebrews 13:5; 2 Peter 1:6, 3:11; 1 Timothy 6:8; Exodus 2:21; Luke 3:14; Philippians 4:11-13; Genesis 34:23, 43:2; Deuteronomy 32:47; Psalm 37:16; Jeremiah 35:9

The life principal contained in this verse is a secret to joy. Having _____ in life no matter the circumstances, is wonderful.

What is the biblical definition of the word satisfaction?

What happens often when a person is dissatisfied with their lot in life?

_____ and _____ are two sides of the same spiritual coin.

169. Confront or Conform

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Read Galatians 6:1; Galatians 2:11-13; Genesis 9:20-24, 12:11-13; Numbers 20:10-132; Samuel 11:2-27; Matthew 26:69, Matthew 26:7; 5 Romans 14:1, 15:1; Hebrews 12:13; James 5:19; Romans 8:6, 15:11; Corinthians 2:15; 1 Corinthians 3:1; 2 Samuel 12:1-15; Job 4:3-4; Isaiah 35:3-4; Ezekiel 34:16; Matthew 9:1, 18:12-15; Luke 15:4-7, 15:22-32; Hebrews 12:13; James 5:19-20; 1 John 5:16; Jude 1:22-23; Galatians 5:23; Matthew 11:29; 1 Corinthians 4:21; 2 Corinthians 10:1; 2 Thessalonians 3:15; 2 Timothy 2:25; James 3:13; 1 Peter 3:15; 1 Corinthians 7:5; 1 Corinthians 10:12; Hebrews 13:3; James 3:2

This verse takes into consideration the events of the preceding chapters about errors in doctrine and teaching as the Apostle Paul desires these church leaders deal _____ with a man who needs to be restored.

We are to bear the _____ of the _____ **(Romans 15:1)**.

Why is this humbleness often easier to speak about and harder to carry out in restoring a person?

Even _____ soul is precious to God **(Matthew 18:12-15)** and He will go to great lengths after one astray.

170. Cannot Redeem Another

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Read Psalm 49:6-7; Psalm 52:7, 62:10; Job 31:24-25; Proverbs 10:15, 23:5; Mark 10:24; 1 Timothy 6:17; Esther 5:11; Jeremiah 9:23; Ezekiel 28:4-5; Hosea 12:8; Luke 12:19; Job 31:24; Proverbs 18:11;

1Corinthians 1:29; Matthew 16:26, 20:28; 1 Timothy 2:6; 1Peter 1:18; Job 31:24; Proverbs 18:11; Mark 8:37

Many people trust in their _____ and accumulation of _____ rather than God.

A man cannot _____ in his riches, or purchase _____ for himself or others.

Give the biblical definition of redemption.

_____.

Jesus said: "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than _____."

171. Law of God Made Void 251

Read Psalm 119:126; Psalm 9:19, 102:13; Genesis 22:10-11,14; Deuteronomy 32:36; Isaiah 42:14; Jeremiah 18:23; Malachi 3:17; Jeremiah 8:8; Habakkuk 1:4; Malachi 2:8; Matthew 15:6; Romans 3:31, 4:14

What did David plead about with God to do about in circumstances around him?

_____.

What does "make void thy law" mean? _____.

Could the same be said of our world today and why?

_____.

The next verse, Psalm 119:127 gives us an answer in dealing with such apostasy in this world and Lukewarmness among the church which is to

_____.

172. Such A Time as This 253

Read Esther 4:13-14; Proverbs 24:10-12; Matthew 16:24-25; John 12:25; Philippians 2:30; Hebrews 12:3; Genesis 18:30.

What does Mordecai remind Esther about who she was and her heritage?

_____.

Did knowing this make any difference in Esther's approach to her husband the King?

_____.

(Matthew 16:24-25) tells us that we must _____ and _____ and follow God.

173. A Truly Wise Man 254

Read Job 32:6-14, Job 4:12-21, 33:16, 35:11, 38:36; Genesis 41:39; 1 Kings 3:12,28, 4:29; Proverbs 2:6; Ecclesiastes 2:26; Daniel 1:17, 2:21; 1 Corinthians 2:10-12, 12:8; 2 Timothy 3:16; James 1:5; Job 33:4, 35:11; 1 Corinthians 14:32; Jeremiah 5:5; Matthew 11:25; John 7:48; 1 Corinthians 1:26-27, 2:7-8; James 2:6-7; Job 12:20; Ecclesiastes 4:13; 1 Corinthians 14:32

The Spirit of God is found at work inside a regenerated man where? _____.

Why is the Spirit of God not at work inside the heart of a lost person?

_____.

The Spirit of God gives _____.

God can use _____ things to confound the _____ and _____ things confound the _____ (1 Corinthians 1:27).

174. Spiritual Gain in Loss 255

Read Matthew 10:39, 16:25-26; Mark 8:35-36; Luke 17:33; John 12:25; Philippians 1:20-21; 2 Timothy 4:6-8; Revelation 2:10

Only with _____ can a person lose everything in this world and still have everything he needs for eternity.

When a person chooses to live on this earth for Christ he may suffer _____ but he will mature _____.

A person may lose his _____, _____, _____, _____ and fear, but gain spiritually which will last forever.

175. Genuine Wisdom 256

Read Ecclesiastes 7:10-12; Judges 6:13; Jeremiah 44:17-19; Genesis 6:11-12; Psalms 14:2-3; Isaiah 50:1; Romans 1:22-32, 3:9-19; Ecclesiastes 9:15-18; 1 Kings 3:6-9; Luke 16:8-9; 1 Timothy 6:17-19; Job 1:10, 22:21-25; Proverbs 2:7,11, 14:20, 18:10-11; Isaiah 33:6; Judges 9:15; Psalm 57:1; Isaiah 30:2, 32:2; Deuteronomy 30:19-20, 32:47; Proverbs 3:18, 8:35, 9:11, 11:4; John 12:50, 17:3; Philippians 3:8; Proverbs 8:19, 16:16, 18:11

How is wisdom of this world different than having wisdom of God?

How can a man get wisdom of God? _____

True or false: Wisdom of God gives life while knowledge of this world brings death? _____

Learning in this world is often based on personal experience while wisdom of God is based on? _____

176. History, Heritage, Landmarks 257

Read Proverbs 22:28, 23:10; Deuteronomy 19:14, 27:17; Job 24:2; Hosea 5:10; Deuteronomy 27:17

The law of Moses dealt with boundary markers. It was illegal to remove them. Perhaps it should be illegal to tamper with or remove _____ erected in this world?

Sadly, some people desire to remove the past, including important _____ and even the _____ of some people, however, they cannot ever remove _____.

God has recorded in His Word that in ancient times there was a _____ for removing a landmark of another.

177. Mob Rule Existed 259

Read Acts 19:29-32, 19:32, 17:8, 21:30,38; Romans 16:23; 1 Corinthians 1:14; Acts 20:4, 27:2; Colossians 4:10; Philemon 24; Acts 14:14-18, 17:22-31, 21:39; 2 Samuel 18:2-3, 21:17; Acts 21:37; Acts 19:10, 16:6; Proverbs 16:7; Acts 19:29, 21:34, 19:40; Matthew 11:7-9; Luke 7:24-26; Acts 21:12

Paul's friends Gaius and Aristarchus were caught but _____ could not be found in the middle of this riot.

These men were taken into an _____.

This crowd was unruly and used mob rule to _____ and _____ for pushing their own agenda of gods rather than God.

This kind of uproar can cause emotions to run high and Paul was _____ from getting involved in this ancient melee.

178. **A Toppled Statue**

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Read Acts 19:35-37; Ephesians 2:12; Acts 19:26; 2 Thessalonians 2:10-11; 1 Timothy 4:2; Acts 14:12-13, 5:35-39; Proverbs 14:29, 25:8

What does it mean to appease someone?

_____.

Why did this town clerk try to placate this riotous mob himself?

_____.

The statue was of _____, one of the popular gods of this ancient city.

Certainly, Paul and his men did not agree with the crowds, nor desire to _____ a god made with hands.

179. **Paul's Prayer**

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Read Philippians 1:9-11, 1:4, 3:15-16; Job 17:9; Proverbs 4:18; Matthew 13:31-33; 2 Corinthians 8:7; 1Thessalonians 3:12, 4:1,9-10; 2 Thessalonians 1:3; Philemon 6; 1Peter 1:22; Isaiah 7:15-16; Amos 5:14-15; Micah 3:2; John 3:20; Romans 2:18, 7:16,22, 8:7, 12:2,9; Job 12:11, 34:3; Romans 12:2; 2 Corinthians 11:13-15; Ephesians 5:10; 1Thessalonians 5:21; Hebrews 5:12-14; 1 John 4:1; Revelation 2:2; Philippians 1:16; Genesis 20:5; Joshua 24:14; John 1:47; Acts 24:16; 2 Corinthians 1:12, 2:17, 8:8; Ephesians 4:15, 5:27, 6:24; 1 Thessalonians 3:13, 5:23; Matthew 16:23, 18:6-7, 26:33; Romans 14:20-21, 16:17; 1 Corinthians 8:13, 10:32; 2 Corinthians 6:3; Galatians 5:11; 1 Thessalonians 3:13; Philippians 4:17; Psalms 1:3, 92:12-14; Isaiah 5:2; Luke 13:6-9; John 15:2,8,16; Romans 6:22, 15:28; 2 Corinthians 9:10; Galatians 5:22-23; Ephesians 5:9; Colossians 1:6,10; Hebrews 12:11; James 3:17-18; Psalm 92:14-15; Isaiah 60:21, 61:3,11; Matthew 5:16; John 15:4-5; 1 Corinthians 10:31; Ephesians 2:10; Colossians 1:6; 2 Thessalonians 1:12; Hebrews 13:15-16; 1 Peter 2:5,9,12, 4:10-11,14; Song of songs 4:13; John 15:8; Ephesians 1:12,14; Philippians 4:20; 1 Corinthians 1:8; Luke 13:21; John 16:1; 1 Corinthians 14:20; Ephesians 5:17; Colossians 1:9, 3:10; 2 Peter 1:5-6, 3:18; Hebrews 5:14

To whom did Paul address this letter?

_____.

What was the gift given to the Apostle Paul? _____.

What did the Apostle Paul specifically pray about concerning the love of these men?

_____.

What do you think Paul meant by "all judgement..." in (Philippians 1:9)?

_____.

What does Philippians 1:10 speak of concerning proper judgement for these men in ancient biblical times and applicable for us today?

What is walking “without offense...” as Paul spoke of in (Philippians 1:10)?

180. A Spiritual Giant

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Read 1 Samuel 17:33-58 (with emphasis on verse 37); 1 Samuel 7:12; Psalms 11:1, 18:16-17, 63:7, 77:11, 138:3,7-8; 2Corinthians 1:9-10; 2Timothy 4:17-18; 1 Samuel 20:13, 24:19, 26:25, 2 Samuel 10:12; 1 Chronicles 22:11,16; 2 Corinthians 1:10

What is the setting of this chapter and this verse?

Who does David trust in to save him from certain harm? _____

Who did David give credit to in his delivery from facing this potentially deadly situation, his own merit, or to God?

Have you ever faced a situation that seemed like it would end in certain death but your life was spared, like David, explain

181. Sixteen Short Words

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Read Romans 4:3-4; Romans 9:17, 10:11, 11:2; Isaiah 8:20; Mark 12:10; James 4:5; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Galatians 4:30; Genesis 15:6; Galatians 3:6-8; James 2:23; Romans 4:5,9,11,22-25; Psalm 106:31

What does it mean that “Abraham believed God...”

Could Abraham have achieved righteousness on his own accord? Can you be righteous without God? Why?

What does it mean to be a child of Abraham, then and today?

Define the word righteousness _____

Define the word imputed _____

182. Dearest to Your Heart

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Read Philippians 3:4-12 (with emphasis on 3:8); Numbers 14:30; Psalm 126:6; Luke 11:20; 1Corinthians 9:10; 1John 2:19; Acts 20:24; Romans 8:18; Philippians 3:10-13; Isaiah 53:11; Jeremiah 9:23-24;

Matthew 11:25-27, 16:16-17; Luke 10:21-22; John 14:7,20, 16:3, 17:3,8; 1 Corinthians 2:2; 2Corinthians 4:4,6; Galatians 1:16; Ephesians 1:17-18, 3:8-9,18-19; Colossians 2:2-3; 1 Peter 2:7; 2 Peter 1:3, 3:18; 1 John 5:20; Ecclesiastes 7:12; Luke 1:43, 20:42-44; John 20:13,28; Philippians 3:7; Matthew 19:27-29; 1 Corinthians 4:9-13; 2 Corinthians 11:23-27; 2 Timothy 4:6; 1 Kings 14:10; 2 Kings 9:37; Job 20:7; Malachi 2:3; Matthew 13:44-46; Hebrews 3:14; 1 John 1:3; Leviticus 13:16; Proverbs 3:14; Mark 10:50, 13:15; Luke 9:29, 14:33, 17:10; John 14:15; Acts 27:32; Philippians 3:7

What is the Apostle Paul saying about things of this world?

Why does he count them as dung? _____.

The Apostle Paul's most valuable treasure was what? _____.

Name some things of this world that Paul lost, or willingly gave up in following Christ.

_____.

What about you, what have you given up in your personal walk with Christ?

_____.

183. Nothing's Too Hard

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Read Matthew 19:23-26; Jeremiah 13:23; Mark 10:24-25; Luke 18:25; John 5:44; Mark 13:20; Luke 13:23-24; Romans 10:13, 11:5-7; Genesis 18:14; Numbers 11:23; Job 42:2; Psalm 3:8, 62:11; Jeremiah 32:27; Zechariah 8:6; Mark 10:25-27; Luke 1:37, 18:27; Genesis 22:8; Luke 5:28; 18:27

What does it mean "going through the eye of the needle..." as was expressed by these Jewish men?

_____.

Why is it mentioned when discussing great financial means and sincere salvation?

_____.

Does this mean there are few rich people to be found in Heaven?

_____.

Is it still true to this day concerning great financial means and a personal relationship with Christ?

_____.

184. A "Spiritual Scent"

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Read Romans 1:1-17 (with emphasis on verse 16); Ps 40:9-10, 71:15-16, 119:46; Mark 8:38; Luke 9:26; 1Corinthians 2:2; 2 Timothy 1:8,12,16; 1 Peter 4:16; Romans 15:19,29; Luke 2:10-11; 1 Corinthians 9:12,18; 2 Corinthians 2:12, 4:4; 2 Corinthians 9:13; Galatians 1:7; 1 Timothy 1:11; 2 Corinthians 10:14; Ephesians 1:13; Philippians 1:27; Romans 10:17; Psalm 110:2; Isaiah 53:1; Jeremiah 23:29; 1 Corinthians 1:18-24, 2:4, 14:24-25, 15:2; 2 Corinthians 2:14-16, 10:4-5; Colossians 1:5-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:5-6, 2:13; Hebrews 4:12; Romans 4:11; Romans 2:9; Romans 3:29; 1 Corinthians 4:20

Why was the Apostle Paul not ashamed to proclaim Christ?

_____.

Why are some people, then and today, afraid to associate themselves being in a personal spiritual relationship with Christ?

Why did the Apostle Paul mention both the Jews and the Greeks?

Do you speak to others about Christ? _____

185. Do You Wear A Girdle?

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Read Psalm 18:32; Psalm 28:7, 91:2, 93:1; Isaiah 45:5; 2 Corinthians 3:5; 2 Samuel 22:33

What is a girdle and why was it worn in ancient biblical times?

What does a girdle symbolize about a personal relationship with Jesus Christ?

Have you found strength and refuge inside a personal relationship with Christ having put on a “spiritual girdle” of Christ? _____

186. Naturally Selfish

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Read Philippians chapter 2 (with emphasis on verses 2:20-21); Philippians 2:2-4,22; Psalm 55:13; Proverbs 31:29; John 10:13, 12:6; 1 Corinthians 1:10-11; Colossians 4:11; 1 Timothy 1:2; 2 Timothy 1:5; 1 Samuel 18:1,3; Isaiah 56:11; Malachi 1:10; Matthew 16:24; Luke 9:57-62, 14:26; Acts 13:13, 15:38; 1 Corinthians 10:24,33, 13:5; 2 Timothy 1:15, 3:2, 4:10,16; 2 Corinthians 1:5; 5:14-15; Exodus 36:5; Judges 8:6

Other brethren as mentioned in (2 Timothy 4:10) were not suitable to send because:

Do you struggle with selfishness at times? _____

God’s will calls a person to be “God-centered” not _____

187. Truth Is Simple

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Read 2 Corinthian 11:1-4; 2 Corinthians 11:29, 12:20-21; Psalm 119:53; Galatians 1:6, 3:1, 4:11; Philippians 3:18-19; Genesis 3:4,13; John 8:44; 1 Timothy 2:14; Revelation 12:9, 20:2; 2 Corinthians 11:13-15, 2:17, 4:2; Matthew 24:24; Acts 20:30-31; Galatians 1:6, 2:4, 3:1; Ephesians 4:14, 6:24; Colossians 2:4,8,18; 2 Thessalonians 2:3-11; 1 Timothy 1:3, 4:1-4; 2 Timothy 3:1-9,13, 4:3-4; Titus 1:10; Hebrews 13:9; 2 Peter 2:1-14, 3:3,17; 1 John 2:18, 4:1; Jude 4; Revelation 12:9; 2 Corinthians 1:12; Romans 12:8, 16:18-19; Ezekiel 16:32; 1 Corinthians 3:11; 2 Corinthians 2:11; 1 Timothy 2:14

Why did the Apostle Paul choose to use the example of the seduction of Eve in driving his point?

What does it mean that Eve was beguiled by satan? _____

The gospel of Christ stands at the opposite end of the spiritual spectrum from the deception of Eve, why?

The gospel of Christ is naturally attractive while satan must use ploys and gimmicks to get the attention of mankind, **TRUE** or **FALSE**? Explain:

_____.

188. Sitting on The Fence

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Read James 4:4; Psalm 50:18, 73:27; Isaiah 57:3; Jeremiah 9:2; Hosea 3:1; Matthew 12:39, 16:4; John 7:7, 15:19,23, 17:14; 1 John 2:15-16; Genesis 3:15; Romans 8:7; Galatians 1:10; Psalms 21:8; Luke 19:27; John 15:23-24; Romans 5:10; Ex 20:14; John 15:18

Biblically define adulterers and adulteresses:

_____.

What does this have to do with sitting on the fence in this world?

_____.

Why must a person choose to align with God or to flee from God, rather than try to put himself in the middle of both worlds?

_____.

Define a double standard

_____.

189. God Is in The Details

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Read Ezra 5:13-17; Ezra 4:15,19; 6:1-2; Proverbs 25:2; Ezra 6:3-5

What is the setting of this Old Testament verse?

_____.

Why was a request made to search the archives?

_____.

Where were these archives located? _____.

Is a decree the same as a commandment?

_____.

190. Geographical Path of Christ's Death

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Read Ephesians 4:9-10; Proverbs 30:4; John 3:13, 6:33,62, 20:17; Acts 2:34-36; Genesis 11:5; Exodus 19:20; John 6:33,38,41,51,58, 8:14, 16:27-28; Psalm 8:5, 63:9; 139:15; Matthew 12:40; Hebrews 2:7,9; Joh 6:62; 1 Corinthians 12:7; Ephesians 1:20-23; Acts 1:9,11; 1 Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 4:14, 7:26, 8:1, 9:23-24; Psalms 68:18; Ephesians 3:19; John 1:16; Acts 2:33; Colossians 1:19; 2:9; Matthew 24:34; Luke 24:44; John 19:24,28,36; Acts 3:18, 13:32-33; Romans 9:25-30, 15:9-13, 16:25-26.

Define from the Bible what is ascension and descension:

Why are these two words important in the death of Christ?

Some people say that Christ went to Hell by claiming that the lower parts of the earth are used to mean Hell in this verse. Where is "lower parts of the earth"?

Could it perhaps be the same place as was referred to as "Abraham's bosom" where souls from prior to Calvary went upon their death?

191. The Fire of Gossip

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Read Proverbs 26:20; Proverbs 26:22, 16:28, 22:10; James 3:6; Proverbs 25:23; 1 Samuel 24:9; Proverbs 22:10

What is a talebearer?

What harm does a talebearer do to others?

Define what a fire triangle is and what is necessary to produce a flame?

What is the way a person can extinguish the flame of a talebearer who comes to you telling tall tales or "juicy gossip"?

The analogy of a fire placed this directive on the bottom shelf so that many could _____ and _____ it to their life.

192. Spiritual Fruit

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Read Amos 8:1-2; Lu 3:23-38; Matthew 1:16

Who was Amos and what did Amos reveal in these verses?

What is the difference between a major prophet and a minor prophet, such as Amos?

The news Amos prophesied about an earthquake was a picture of the _____ of _____ against the Northern Kingdom of Judah, which would disappear because

193. Like A Spiritual Latte

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Read Psalm 23 (with emphasis on verse 6); Psalm 30:11-12, 36:7-10, 103:17; 2 Corinthians 1:10; 2 Timothy 4:18; Psalm 16:11, 17:15, 73:24-26; 2 Corinthians 5:1; Philippians 1:23; Psalm 21:4

Define goodness and mercy:

Why should it be found forever in the life of every child of God?

Name some deplorable times in the life of a godly intentioned man David, who penned this Psalm, when God's goodness and mercy covered his sin with grace:

In Conclusion

We hope this study has been both challenging and rewarding to those who earnestly seek to know and identify with Christ as they sojourn in this world. God bless you!

Answers

1. Just, Merciful, Humble

In **(Micah 6:8)** why did God have a controversy with His people?

God was not in first place in the lives of His People for they were willing to offer to gods and Him.

According to **(Micah 6:8)**, what does God require of His people? **walk humbly, love mercifully, and do justly.**

Do you think that the people of Israel were ignorant about God or chose to ignore Him? What about people today? **Personal answer* I many of the people of Israel knew about God but not all of them knew Him in their heart. They could have known Him from things of creation (Romans chapter 1) however, may not have had a personal relationship with Him.**

What kinds of treasures are commonly present among lost and wounded souls? Has the accumulation of stuff in this world changed or gotten worse today? **Many people desire treasures of this world. The choices they make in accumulating "stuff" might include fancy houses, clothes, cars, careers, financial means, toys A treasure can be anything that is placed above that of a personal relationship with God in their life. A child of God increasingly desires to place God above things of this world.**

(John 3:30) contains a spiritual antidote which can be personally applied by any heart for making his or her life all about God rather than self. This can replace selfish living to intently focus on things of God but why then are people so self-centered today **John 3:30 makes it clear that God is to be positioned above all other things. He is everything. A child of God becomes "God oriented" and desires to serve and savor Him rather than remain self-oriented, or selfish and worldly as he exists in this world.**

2. Nature of your Faith

Name the prophet who summoned this woman **Elisha**

What message did this prophet have for her and why? **He told her she would embrace a son.**

Was she receptive to his message? Think about her stance and heart attitude when replying to him.

She though he was lying to her.

This woman did bare a son, just as was predicted. What message does this give us about the working of our faith today? **Even when things seem impossible, we serve a God of supernatural potential and nothing is impossible, and we should continue in faith in God.**

What was the man's name mentioned in chapter 5? **Naaman**

How would you best describe his measure of faith? **He was lacking faith**

What common disease in biblical times was this man suffering from? And, why was he not healed of this disease? **Leprosy, and he was not healed at first because he lacked faith. However, his men had faith and through them (intercessors) he was healed.**

Does pride at work in your heart ever get in the way of blessings and healing of God? ***personal answers here* Yes, yes, and yes if we are honest.**

3. A Lackluster Climate

These ten tribes from the North are called by what name? **The Northern Ten Tribes are known as Ephraim, as found in Isaiah 28:1.**

Not only were these people overcome with drunkenness but what other ungodliness characterized their life? **They err in vision, stumble in judgement, they vomit and are filthy as found in Isaiah 28:7-8.**

What other things at work in lost hearts today can rapidly cause beauty to fade? **Pride, lust, vulgar language, sexual sins, envy, and**

God's people build their lives upon the sturdy foundation of God by consuming layer by layer of God's Word. This takes place when a heart is weaned from milk to the meat of God's Word. **Isiah 28:12-13 Precept on precept as spiritual substance is built and matured upon the foundation of God.**

What can wayward hearts do in their walk to get their hearts right again with God? **Agree with God about the nature of sin, confess it, and be spiritually right with God. 1st John 1:9, agree with God about sin, confess, and be made spiritually right with Him.**

What is the only sure foundation for any heart? **Jesus Christ**

4. The Mystery Revealed

Who revealed this great mystery being inspired of God to pen Colossians? **The Apostle Paul**

What is the setting and location of the writing of the book of Colossians? **Likely written when he was imprisoned in Rome, though this is not known for sure.**

This book addresses two major false teachings, what are they, and are these still being taught and believed today? **The people relied upon ceremonies, traditions, philosophy of man, and works rather than in the headship, grace, and authority of Christ. Yes, today many falsely rely upon a works based "religion" and many deny the authority of Christ and trust in self or others.**

A person can find great hope in what significant doctrines revealed for us in these two chapters? **Grace and authority of God**

5. Fear God and Live

What are the two kinds of fear at work in this world? **Fear based on circumstances in this world and a reverence or fear of God. The latter fear produces a respectful and worshipful servant of God.**

Why Fear about physical health and death is not to overtake the mind of a professing Christian? **A child of God places trust in God and no other fears can surpass the presence and ability of Jesus Christ in this life or in death.**

Define what properly reverencing or fearing God means in the life of a professing Christian?

Reverencing or fearing God is to trust in Him associated with great esteem and respect not being willing to offend Him.

Describe what is righteous fear and give a verse where a child of God exercised such fear.

Righteous fear is to rightly esteem God's power, presence, and work in any situation at hand. There are many great examples of righteous fear, including David facing Goliath in (1st Samuel 17:1-58), as David trusted in God rather than allowing his fear to override the presence and power of God at work in this precarious ancient situation. Other examples given could be Daniel in the Lion's Den, Joseph's life at the hands of his brothers, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego being placed in the furnace for failing to comply to the Kings decree.

6. Beautification Process

Read these verses Romans 8:28, 8:35-39; 5:3-4; Genesis 50:20; Deuteronomy 8:2-3,16; Psalms 46:1-2; 2Corinthians 4:15-17; 5:1; Philippians 1:19-23; 2Thessalonians 1:5-7; Hebrews 12:6-12; James 1:3-4; 1Peter 1:7-8; Revelation 3:19

Who are these verses speaking to in (Romans 8:35-39)? **Sincere professing Christians**

What can experience in trials and tribulations we face in life do in our walk with God? **The fires can harden, prove, and perfect our relationship with God. Much like the removal of dross and impurities in precious metals through the heat of fire.**

Where, often, is the focus of hearts who do not love God when troubles come crashing into their life? **Themselves, and the adverse situations at work in their life rather than God.**

Why do some people see only clouds and rain while others see sunshine in every moment? **It depends on an individual perspective. Whether they are choosing to look through God's lens or the faulty lens of this world.**

How do you deal with troubling situations? ***Personal answer* Some answers given may be through tears, support of other Christians and the church, prayer,**

7. Unity in Christ

What is the principal thing taught in (Ephesians 4:4-6)? **Unity, among brethren and collectively the church.**

What are the seven examples God gives us about unity? **One body, one spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all.**

What does verse four of Ephesians chapter four reveal to us about unity in God's church collectively and among His people? **One Spirit given of God**

Do you promote unity in your walk with God? ***personal answer***

8. He Allows Suffering

Who was Potiphar and how did he come to know Joseph? Potiphar was an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard.

What happened that turned the privilege of the king towards Joseph to him being tossed into prison? Potiphar's wife tried to seduce Joseph, but he rejected her attempt making her mad. She lied to her husband getting Joseph thrown in jail.

Where was Joseph, and where were his father and brothers? His father was in Canaan and Joseph was in Egypt.

How did God keep Joseph in power, privilege, out of prison, and preserve him and his family? God's supernatural power and presence remained with him through every event and detail of his life, Joseph received God's favor.

9. Sin is A Slippery Slope

David asked God to do what with his life? Judge him for he walked in integrity.

Would you be afraid to ask God to judge your life, why or why not? ****personal answer**** If a person is honest, we all have times when we are afraid for God to peek in and poke around in our heart or judge us because we often fail, being far from perfect, lax in keeping short accounts of our sin with Him.

Do we know the exact timeline of this prayer to God in David's life? No, the timeline is not certain, but David seems sure he is righteous before God at this moment. Though we know David was a man after God's heart, he did commit grievous sin in seasons of life.

Sin is always a slippery slope, yet David knew for sure his heart was innocent before God in this moment. How can we be confident in our own walk with God? We can be confident by keeping a short account with God by continually repenting of sin and asking God's forgiveness and walking according to His will.

10. An Eternal Loser

Who is the real "Strong Man" spoken of in these verses who comes and takes away all that which perishes? **satan**

What are many people trusting in rather than the presence and strength of God? **god of this world, material things, careers, money, themselves, other people, words of man, false teaching and counterfeit Bibles**

Do you understand that satan cannot ever be a strong man in this world even when it seems he is winning as darkness proliferates? **Yes, the Bible tells us that the final battle has already been won, 1 Corinthians 15:54, Hebrews 2:14-15 with eternal victory over sin and death.**

What verse(s) proves that satan is finite and limited in this world? **1st John 4:4; John 10:28-30; Ephesians 2:2**

11. A "Spiritual Drum"

Name some great extremes found in the life of Job in the first chapter. **His children went from seven sons and three daughters to none living. His substance of cattle, sheep, oxen, asses, and a great household from the greatest in the East to complete loss.**

Why did Job face such great losses in his personal life? **God allowed satan to test him for satan declared that since Job was a child of God there was a hedge of God about him to protect him from any harm or trials. We know this is not true and the downturn for a season in Job's life proved it.**

Where was God while Job was hurting? **Right beside him all the way through every trial and triumph.**

How and why did God restore Job's life in the last chapter? **Job was contrite and repented before God seeing himself as he was, a sinner. Beyond hearing God, Job had opportunity to see Him face to face (Job 42:5) in turn seeing himself as he was. Job was given his health back, his friends, sisters, and brethren, Job was blessed with seven more sons and three daughters, and thousands of sheep, camels, asses, and cattle.**

12. Loved at Your Worst

Did you know that God loved you at your unlovable worst? **Yes, God so loved the world (John 3:16) He died for me and every soul on the cross at Calvary though no person deserved His substitutionary death. He loved me when I was a sinner.**

What can you do that will cause God to love you even more? **Nothing, your works, words, and acts add nothing to your appeal to God.**

Does God ever give you an occasion to stop loving Him? **No, He desires His spiritual best for each soul.**

Why do many people fail to sincerely love God? A natural man loves himself more than he loves God or others. Selfishness often get in the way of sincere love and reverence of God, even for professing Christians, during tough seasons of life as they sojourn in this world.

13. Bearing His Reproach

Why were ancient Jewish believers were often ostracized or removed from favor among their peers? Because their Jewish beliefs did not align with that of the Greeks because of their ethnicity, their heritage, history, and culture were different than that of the Gentiles.

What does “without the gate...” mean in ancient times? An area located outside the main gate of the city where individuals who had leprosy, being unclean, were positioned or segregated outside the city and away from “average” folk. It was a place people were ostracized for being different from opinions held by the common people. This was early segregation at its finest.

Where was this gate located? It was the main entrance to the city and was a well-traveled area where people often passed by.

Why was Jesus Christ removed to suffer “without the gate...”? He was treated like a criminal, a dirty person, of no value, and was “tossed outside the gate” to be among the lepers, the ill repute, and with ancient oddities.

14. Tongue Tied Truth

Who deserves God’s grace? Nobody

If God’s grace is separate from what we do, why do we need to obey God and walk in His footsteps? Receiving God’s grace is free but accepting it comes with an expectation of selflessness and choosing to walk worthy, Matthew 10:38-39.

If grace is a gift of divine kindness despite what we do, why does He give it to each of us? God desires His spiritual eternal best for each soul and knows no person cannot achieve it on his or her own merit. It requires His spiritual work in the heart through sincere faith in the power and presence of God.

Explain the differences between works, grace, and walking worthy.

Works: Works are something that a person does, apart from God, for his or her salvation, which is impossible. A child of God does desire to do good works for God after his or her heart has been quickened alive unto doing good works.

Grace: Grace is unmerited favor with God. This is receiving God’s love, mercy, and kindness undeserved. A man cannot ever boast about what he does for God for it is only possible through His grace.

Walking Worthy: Walking worthy is to walk with God by taking up your cross and following Him above and beyond any other. It is living for God, for His will and way and denying self.

15. Sour and Self Serving

Why do many professing Christians need a “spiritual attitude adjustment?” They perhaps have not identified with The God of the Bible, as presented for our learning in (John 1:1-3). If a person truly sees God, his heart and attitude will mature and reflect Christ and His Spirit at work in him. When identifying with a god of their own making, a person fails to have a proper spiritual attitude in his heart and as he lives in this world.

What is a normal mindset and thinking pattern for a lost person when dealing with trials and troubles? A person who does not know God has no hope in this world. When he or she faces trials and troubles they cannot see or understand that they are temporary, there is an eternal hope now and forever, and they often see no end in sight for their discomfort and pain. A child of God on the other hand knows that God has everything under control and his or her discomfort, trials, and pain are for a season rather than lasting for an undetermined time or forever. All a child of God needs to do is focus on the life of Job, Joseph, Paul and he or she knows God is with them at every step of the way.

What things will a sincere professing Christian to do without complaint? A genuine Christian learns to desire to do ALL things without complaining in serving God. A person with a renewed spirit is maturing in a spiritually pleasant spiritual mindset and heart as he serves and savors God in this world. This new demeanor does not come by a “shake of a wand,” or by osmosis, it takes time for a person’s character to reflect all the pleasant attributes of God despite his or her circumstances.

Why is important for Christian’s to be united in their relationships within the church and between brothers and sisters in Christ? The devil is always trying to break apart that which God has put together. A person cannot stand against the devil alone. He or she must be united with God and His servants at work in this word. Every child of God needs fellowship with likeminded believers.

16. The “red Carpet”

Why did God refuse to pardon the sin of His people? **God refused to pardon the sin of Israel for they were not convicted in their heart of sin nor had a desire to serve and savor God. Anotherwards, they were enjoying their sin. (Hosea 1:1-6)**

Who were Gomer and Hosea and what did they represent? **Gomer and Hosea were a married couple which represented a husband and his adulterous wife. This is a picture of God and unrepentant Israel. Today it is for us, a marriage representing a picture of God and His people, the Jews then in Old Testament times, and including both the Jews and Gentiles today as His church. (Read Hosea chapter 1.)**

What name was given by God to name her child and what did this name represent? **The name given to this child by God was Loruhamah, meaning I will have no mercy on Israel but will take them away, (Hosea 1:6).**

Does God still refuse to forgive certain sin today? This is kind of a trick question, read it carefully and consider your answer. **God has already forgiven all sin through the shed-blood sacrifice of Jesus Christ (John 3:16). However, a person must humble himself and seek forgiveness with God. It is a personal thing that each person must accept His gift through faith in the finished work of His Son, ask forgiveness, and agree with God about the nature of sin. God's forgiveness is unlimited; however, a person can limit God by receiving no forgiveness by not personally accepting His unmerited gift of eternal life in their own life, thereby restricting Him for salvation is not of works (Ephesians 2:8-10) for a man must accept what God has done for us through His Only Son. If not, God will shutter the ark door tightly closed at a time of His own choosing, ushering in certain death, rather than red carpet for every unsaved heart for God never changes (Hebrews 13:8)**

17. Godly Viewpoint

Lost hearts are servants to sin while regenerated hearts choose to serve and savor? **The God of this world in walking after the natural lust at work in their lost heart. (Romans 6:20-22).**

What happens in his walk when a person desires to serve God? **He becomes a new spiritual person in Christ- (2 Corinthians 5:17). His new walk is humble before God and away from serving the desires of the god of this world.**

Does a lost heart have any liberties in this world? **No liberties are only found in Christ, lost hearts only have continual bondage in serving the god of this world. (Romans 8:1-2, Galatians 2:19).**

Why would a person choose to serve sin rather than God? **It is more pleasurable, at least for a season. In the end, pleasurable sins and bondage found in this world brings death. Choosing to serve sin is quite the opposite of the example given in the life of Moses who diligently served God despite his circumstances (Hebrews 11:24-25).**

18. Born to Be Wild?

Well, what do you say, the Bible has a lot to say about rebellion, is a child born to be wild? **Yes, the Bible tells us in many verses already mentioned in this devotion, together with many others including Romans 3:10-19 that a man is naturally predisposed to sin and has a rebellious nature from physical birth (Psalm 51:5, Romans 3:10).**

What causes a person to revolt against authority? **A man's natural heart condition lies in natural opposition to the presence and authority of God and others. A lost man desires to be his own boss (Romans 13:1-7) rather than align himself with God or to follow the leadership of God or other authorities in this world.**

What was the setting of these verses in (Isiah 1:2-4) and who was rebelling against God? **The setting was the nation of Israel and God's own people the Jewish nation was rebelling against the authority of God. This was before their captivity in Babylon. God kept warning them, but they chose to ignore God about His impending judgement.**

Sin does affect your whole being: body, soul, and spirit, just like in ancient times to the nation of Judah. Can you name some current examples of the effects of sin upon the whole person? **Yes, sin and rebellion against God affects the entire body, soul, and spirit. In this world there are many people who are suffering the effects of sin and not personally knowing God. This suffering includes sicknesses like cancer, aids, chronic illnesses (people do not necessarily suffer these ailments for their own sins, but it can be collectively, the sin of this world). These diseases can bring physical suffering, mental anguish and suffering in spirit, and perhaps some hearts remain apart from God and suffer spiritual anguish as well. Though a child of God may suffer a disease, his spiritual outlook and eternal hope is alive and working in his soul. There can be many other examples used in answering this question.**

19. Herod Hears John

Who brought public accusation against Herodias? **John the Baptist**

What was this allegation leveled against her? Was it true? **The allegation was that she was adulterous, causing great anger to brew in her heart. Often when a person is heaped in sin and is confronted, biblically or not, he or she harbors great anger at the confronter of their sin. Yes, this allegation was true.**

Hatred, especially when faced with truth, builds in the heart and can be both dangerous and deadly. Name some good spiritual qualities to promote heart health. A person can only have true heart health when spiritually alive inside a personal relationship with God. His presence brings a new spirit to their heart and embodies His fruit of the spirit as revealed for us in **Galatians chapter five**. Lost people have the works of the flesh, also mentioned in **Galatians chapter 5**, at work in their lost and spiritually ill heart condition.

Who made a rash promise he regretted, which brought a swift end to John the Baptist's life. King Herod, who knew that John the Baptist accusation was right, promised Herodias daughter whatever she may wish. At the leading of her mother, she wished for the head of John the Baptist. Since the King promised to grant her whatever she wished in front of a group of other men, because of his pride and standing before others, he made good on this promise regrettably.

20. Ungodly Circumstances

Works of the flesh can be found at work in A. saved, B. lost, C. wayward souls, or D. every soul this side of heaven?

List and define these seventeen ungodly circumstances mentioned in these verses? For personal reflection: How many of these heart attitudes are mirrored in your own life? These sinful circumstances as found in **(2 Timothy 3:2-5)** include: lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God, and having a form of godliness, but denying the power. Though a child of God is living with a new spirit in his heart, he does entertain his flesh in seasons of life as he learns about God and spiritually matures as he lives on this earth. A man is not spiritually perfect until his physical death on this earth and he is readied to enter eternity with God who perfects him.

What can a person do in removing ungodliness, or spiritual ugliness from his or her life? Walk with God and allow Him to direct your steps according to His will and way. When you do mess up and sin, seek His mercy and forgiveness, and He will spiritually beautify your life from the inside out as you mature with Him.

Why does greater reverence for God eliminate such ungodliness? The more a child of God seeks Him and desires to serve and savor God, the less he will fall to the temptations of his flesh. Maturing in things of God is a spiritual process throughout the lifetime of a child of God as he sojourns in this world. God is always greater (**1st John 4:4**) than any desires of our flesh and can continually steer us in overcoming temptations.

21. It Is Time to Grow Up

Who are spiritual babes, or immature servants of Christ? Is this maturity level considered by one's physical age or is it in the depth of one's maturity in wisdom of Christ? Physical age has nothing to do with one's spiritual maturity in things of Christ. It all begins with a new spiritual heart condition and his or her spiritual state progresses according to their closeness in their walk with God and in their study of God's Word. A person's spiritual life begins with milk and matures on to the meat of His Word, much like feeding infants milk and them maturing into adults who can digest rich foods and meat. A Christian begins with milk and graduates into the meat of God's Word taking care to follow God's direction for study found in many scripture verses including **2 Peter 3:18, 2 Timothy 2:15, Psalm 119:11, and 2 Corinthians 5:9**, and the entire book of Proverbs has much to say about getting wisdom and maturing in all things of God.

What one thing most often stands in the way of personal spiritual growth? Lack of interest, desire, and effort, essentially the characteristics of a lukewarm Christian.

Where, from in the Bible, are some of your favorite verses for encouraging you like "spiritual fertilizer" for personal growth? **Psalm 4 37:4, 2 Timothy 1:7, Philippians 4:13, and 1 Corinthians 13:11** are my examples, but many other verses can be given.

Why do most people not grow expeditiously in their personal relationship with Christ? They allow their fleshly desires to override their desire to learn and serve things of Christ. Because of this, they spend little or no time in God's Word and in serving Him through serving others and spend more time dealing with things of this world.

22. You Reap the Rewards

In the context of **(Isaiah 3:8-9)** why was Jerusalem ruined and Judah fallen? The people failed to take God's warning about His judgement of sin seriously and they continued in their sin rather than serving and savoring God.

According to **(Matthew 12:36-37)** words have great power and can both Justify or condemn a person.

The book of (**Galatians 6:7**) speaks of sowing and reaping, what kinds of consequences are rampant in this world because of continual and grievous sin present on this earth? **There are many, including disobedient parents and now their rebellious children, idolatry, pride, sexual perversions, and many more that grieve God.**

God will discern between the **wheat** and the **tares** you can count on it. Other words can be inserted here including **light, darkness; obedient** and **disobedient**.....

23. The Plumb Line

God can bring _____ and _____ of mankind to nothing.

This includes **evolution** (bonus- read **Genesis chapter 1**) and **climate change** (bonus- read **Genesis 8:21**) as both are popular intellectual thinking in this world, but neither agree with timeless teaching inspired of God.

What is teaching that stands forever (**Psalms 33:11**) and what other like terms are found in other verses used in describing such instruction?

Where and why is a plumb line used today and how does it compare to the Truth of God's Word? **A plumb line is used in construction to determine the plumbness, or straightness and alignment, when building a structure. In a building there is little room to be off in measurement for if it is, the whole building could be unstable. It is the same case in the life of a professing Christian and God's Word. God's Word gives us spiritual parameters and a sturdy foundation to build our lives upon.**

Why must a person compare all things against the Truth of the Word of God? **God has placed the Truth in His Word and all things must be compared against His foundation to determine if what they have heard, read, or been taught measures up to the only true standard which is found in God's Word.**

24. No Grading on A Curve

Read James 2:12 Philippians 4:8; Colossians 3:17; 2 Peter 1:4-8; James 2:8, 1:25

Who will be judged? **Every person will be judged by Jesus Christ, according to God's divine standard.**

What eight things are we to think on according to (**Philippians 4:8**)? **Think on truth of God, honesty, justice, things pure, lovely things, things of good report; virtuous things, and things praise worthy.**

According to (**Colossians 3:17**), we are to do in **word** or **deed** to others in love as unto Christ.

Explain the law of liberty and that God does not grade on a curve for any person. **God allows every person to have liberty in Christ. This means He does not force any person to love and serve Him. Each person must personally choose to have a personal relationship with God through faith in the finished work of the cross and to serve and savor Him. God will not "horse collar" any person. Liberty in Christ is the only true freedom, bondage to sin is not freedom, though a man can do as he pleases for a time.**

25. Correction Conveys Life

What naturally happens if responsible and necessary correction is withheld from a young child? **A child's self-will will not be broken if the rod of correction is spared in his early years. Correction is necessary in disciplining a child, will not harm him but produce a broken will necessary for taming natural rebellion and obstinacy. God disciplines His own children, that you and me for our own spiritual good.**

What is bound in the heart of a child? **Rebellion, wickedness, pride, foolishness, and self-will.**

After a time, God will deliver a lost soul to the whiles of satan for what reason? **In hopes of bringing salvation to his or her heart and eradicating his natural unruliness before it is too late**

Love of a child causes a parent to discipline him or her. How does this correction relate to you and your relationship with God? **God loves each of us enough to discipline us. For we are as His children and He is our Father. God desires His spiritual best for our soul.**

26. Cheerful Countenance

Define countenance using Bible passages. **There are 51 verses containing the word countenance in God's Word. The usage and meaning differ. The use in this verse, (**Proverbs 15:13**) means a cheerful heart or a merry disposition. See also (**Proverbs 15:15, 17:22, 2 Corinthians 1:12**) for similar meaning.**

What are some other words used to point to a cheerful heart in these verses? **Merry, rejoicing, glad,**

Define a broken spirit. A broken spirit is like a person being wounded and overwhelmed or experiencing consuming grief to the core. Biblical examples include: **(Job 1:20-21)**, or **(1st Peter 1:6)**, **(Proverbs 17:22)**, and with Jesus in **(Mark 13:33-34)**.

A sorrowful heart can be used of God for our spiritual benefit, please explain. **God can use a person who is wounded to the core or is sorrowed unto repentance (2nd Corinthians 7:10)** because, perhaps as a broken vessel this person is willing to allow God to fill him with His Spirit for allowing His glory to shine brightly from within their repaired cracks and fissures. It is true, God cannot use "perfect people" but as somebody else said he can use cracked and broken vases.

27. A Gentle Eternal Giant

Who is the Lamb mentioned in several verses? **Jesus Christ**

The children of God are described with three words at the end of the verse in **(Revelation 17:14)** **Called, chosen** and **faithful**.

God is the authority over all things, in **(Job 12:19)** He overthrows the **mighty**.

In the end, according to **(1 Corinthians 15:24-25)** all power will be placed **under His feet**.

28. Bearing Precious Fruit

Who is to bear precious fruit? **Every child of God**

What is the best way to describe a godly walk as recorded in **(1st John 2:6)**? **Abide in Him and walk as He walks**.

Where is a child of God to abide **in Him** so that he has no shame?

Why does this comparison between a vine and God work so well in describing a personal relationship with Christ in both the Old and New Testaments? **A branch must rely upon the vine for sustenance, growth, and life. God is the vine and we are the branches. Secondly, because many people can understand the simple teaching using something with which many are familiar.**

29. Spiritual Angst

How would you describe being stirred in the heart? **In this instance in (Acts 17:16), Paul was Provoked in the heart**

How did Elihu, Job's "friend" speak about his inner turmoil and what did he compare it to in **(Job 32:15-22)**? **He said that the spirit within him constrains him. That his belly was as wine which has no vent and was ready to burst. He was ready to blurt out about his inner turmoil to relieve this rising pressure. Have you ever had a time like this when you were just dying to speak about something and felt like you were about to burst, then you can relate with Elihu.**

According to **(Psalm 69:8-10)** what did zeal for God, the ministry, and His temple do to David? **He became a stranger, an alien, eaten up with reproach for his zeal about God. The same thing happens to sincere Christians today, as found in this New Testament verse (John 16:33, John 14:27) and many other like verses.**

Has your heart been stirred in your walk with God? **A sincere Christian is always stirred by the evil and hatred in this world along with receiving a divine push for doing the vital spiritual work God has for His children In this world in reaching others with Truth as they sojourn here.**

30. Yes, to Marijuana?

What does God say in **(Genesis 1:29)** about herb bearing seed and trees? **God said that plants, collectively, were given to mankind for their food. In ancient biblical times in the Old Testament mankind ate a plant-based diet. It was not until later that God gave select animals for a man to eat prior to this their diet was vegetarian. Everything, even plants, were considered GOOD, Genesis 1:31. That is however until the presence of sin changed the nature of everything on this earth.**

God gave mankind both the **herb bearing seed** and **tree** for their benefit not for their harm.

Why should professing Christians care about what they eat and put in or on their body? Give relevant verses. **Our body is a temple of God as is declared in Romans 12:1 and we are instructed to present ourselves as "a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service..."** What this means for a professing child of God is that he or she is a temple of God, having His spiritual presence alive and kicking in their regenerated heart. Knowing this, every child of God should desire to identify with the holiness and righteousness of God with their service and their temple. Every choice and decision a child of God makes in this world is a reflection of God to others. Ephesians chapter four gives us emphasis about practical application of things of Christ in our life and the perfecting work He does in our daily walk with Him. A child of God does not desire to be marred by continual service to sin but to savor God.

Does God allow both beneficial substances as well as those which can harm us to be developed in this world? Why? **Yes, ever since the presence of sin entered in to the Garden of Eden, this perfect garden has since been barred for entrance by spiritually dead men. A natural (spiritually dead) man can no longer reside in God's perfection on this earth but must dwell among sin until the day of his physical death when he will be made spiritually perfect in Christ. A man's presence on this earth includes both the potential of identifying with the eternal nature of the perfection of God or choosing to align with the presence of sin and the dark spirit of the god at work in this world. A spiritually regenerated man chooses to allow God to remove the power and presence of sin from working in his life by accepting the position and the daily practical work of God in his heart as he sojourns on this earth.**

Why should our every choice and desire be measured against God's Word? **God's Word declares to us that we are to prove everything against His will and perfection, read: Isaiah 8:20; Matthew 7:15-20; Mark 7:14-16; Luke 12:57; Acts 17:11; Romans 12:2; 1Corinthians 2:11,14-15; 14:28; Ephesians 5:10; Philippians 1:10; 1John 4:1; and Revelation 2:2 Striving to do so allows a sincere child of God to stand positionally and practically blameless, or innocent, before Him in all things. This requires a keeping a short account of sin and personal closeness knit together with God.**

Does God's Word give us enough information to make sound spiritual decisions today, even though it was penned in ancient times? Or is it silent on such issues like marijuana and out of date for our modern world? **Yes, God's Word is eternal (never gets old, fails, or wears out in time). It is complete, eternally relevant, and fully furnished providing God's spiritual cleaning, divine direction, and practical application in the life of every sincere child. It is pleasing to God for His child to follow His Word eradicating all sin and shame. "A child of God must study to shew himself approved..." 2 Timothy 2:15.**

31. What Is Pharmakeia?

Name the works of the flesh according to (**Galatians 5:19-21**)? **Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings.**

Which work of the flesh relates to pharmakeia? **Witchcraft**

What is a definition taken from a biblical source for defining the words **witchcraft** and **pharmaceutical**?

Taken from **Webster's 1828 Dictionary**:

WITCHCRAFT, *witch and craft*.

1. The practices of witches; sorcery; enchantments; intercourse with the devil.
2. Power more than natural.

He hath a witchcraft over the king ins tongue.

PHARMACEU'TICAL, a. *Gr. to practice witchcraft or use medicine; poison or medicine*. Pertaining to the knowledge or art of pharmacy, or to the art of preparing medicines.

Extra credit: Find and discuss the definition of these words as taken straight from God's Word as scripture defines scripture. Also, compare biblical based definitions with what is found in modern day dictionaries.

Name some well-known natural remedies God has given us for healing and greater holistic health naturally available and used by many people in this world. **Digoxin or Digitalis (taken from foxglove plant) for heart health in some instances, the aloe Vera plant, honey, garlic, cinnamon, and many more natural ingredients which benefit mankind. Many of these can be found growing or naturally produced on this earth.**

32. The Babe Leapt

Read Luke 1:41, Luke 1:15,44; Ps 22:10

Who was the babe that leapt in her belly? **Jesus Christ to be born in the flesh**

Did you know that babies could hear events outside the womb? **Yes, it has been proven that a baby recognizes his mother's voice upon birth. In our own experience in the gestation and birth of our own children in the womb when our first born used to react to the noise in a bowling alley when I bowled on a league during pregnancy.**

Please note that this babe was not called **fetus** or a **tissue** as babies in the womb often referred as today.

33. God Makes A Way

Who faces temptations and trials in this world, and why? **Every person faces temptation. Even Jesus Christ in the flesh was subject to temptation, but without sin in Matthew chapter 4.**

What are manifold temptations mentioned in **(1 Peter 1:6-8)**? **Trials, troubles, persecution which arise in serving and savoring God through knowing His Son Jesus Christ.**

God made a promise to His church in **(Revelation 3:10)** which was to “keep thee from the hour of temptation ...” This is a precious promise spoken directly by God to every sincere Christian. He promises to keep us from falling into temptation. What excuse do we then have for falling into sin?

What can you do when temptations arise in your life? **Turn to the ever-present power and presence of God at work in our life to combat temptation and opportunities to sin.**

34. Evil Is Conquered

Why does God tell us not to fret about evil and wickedness in **(Proverbs 24:19-20)**? **Because there is no lasting reward for evil and the candle of the wicked will be extinguished.**

We are to find **delight in the law of the Lord** according to **(Psalms 1:1-3)**. The truth is that the more a man “tastes the way of God”, the more delightful it becomes. A man cannot ever have enough of God! His pleasure keeps giving and giving!

God tells us to depart from **evil** and separate from **sin** in **(Psalm 119:115)** and in **(2 Corinthians 6:17)** respectively.

What does reprove unfruitful works mean in **(Ephesians 5:11)**? **Speak against them.** A silent Christian approves of unfruitful work by his silence while a sincere Christian will speak up and out about the presence of sin, thereby reprovng it in agreement with God about sin.

35. Creation Groans

Define who are creatures and created mentioned as groaning on this earth? **Creatures and creation literally consist of everything in this universe.**

What is the reason for this groaning? **The presence of sin and death and certainty of death without having fellowship with God.**

When will spiritual restoration indeed make all things perfect? **Upon entrance to eternity for every spiritually regenerated heart of mankind.** However, a lost spiritual heart will never find spiritual restoration and faces certain agony forever.

Why were restrictions, bondage, and suffering ushered onto to this earth? **Because of the presence of sin which marred this world.** Satan and his sin of pride were “kicked out of heaven” because he was no longer eternally perfect in God. Satan was given this earth as a battle ground or “spiritual playground” for a time. His rein on this earth will be coming to an end soon when Jesus Christ returns to destroy all evil and this earth.

36. Pulverized or Grounded by Truth

Explain about the stone the builders rejected in **(Matthew 21:42)** **Jesus Christ.**

Why do people still reject Jesus Christ today? **Willing spiritual ignorance, pride, and natural disposition to sin.**

What excuses do people make for rejecting Christ? **“I didn’t know”, “I was unable to resist the temptation”, saying my spouse, brother, sister, friend, and such made me do it.** Displacing the blame from self to others, the same game Eve played when she fell into sin by blaming Adam for her personal choice to sin.

Why was the Apostle Paul knocked to the ground and made a spiritual pauper? **The Apostle Paul was humbled before God, just like any other sinner made right with God.** It is necessary to see the holiness and righteousness of God against our own natural shortcomings and propensity to sin before we can really see God and desire His power and presence in our life.

37. A Spiritual Trio

Who is the all and all according to **(1 Corinthians 15:25-27)**? **God, through the finished work of His Son on Calvary.**

Explain the different roles of this spiritual trio- the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The Father is God. The Creator and Sustainer of all things **Genesis 1, John 1.**

The Son is His Only Son- Jesus Christ who was sat on the right hand of His Father, but by His choice left the comfort of Heaven and came to earth to fulfill the will of His Father God in becoming the Lamb who was sacrificed for all sin paying the debt in full and removing the sting of death. One day He will return to this earth to usher every child of God to Heaven for the Bema seat and to cast their crowns before God, return dead souls (all lost hearts) to face personal judgment before God. and to destroy this profusely evil and wicked world.

Some verses about the Son: John 3:16. 1st John 5:20, Luke 1:35. Psalm 2:7, John 1:14

The Spirit of God is the Spirit of God who lives inside regenerated hearts and directs a child of God as he or she sojourns in this world. He gives a child of God the very presence and power of God to work inside their heart.

Some verses about the Spirit include: John 14:26, John 16:13, Galatians 5:22-23, 1 Corinthians 2:10, Acts 2:33,38 and Proverbs 2:1-5.

Where is Jesus Christ sitting today? **He sits on the right hand of His Father in Heaven.**

Why will every person give answer to Jesus Christ one day? **Lost souls will meet with God for judgement and eternal Hell for their name is not written in the book of life, while children of God will sit on the Bema seat (official seat of a judge) to receive awards revealed by fire for their earthly life (1 Corinthians 3:13-15) receiving eternal crowns to cast before God (1Thessalonians 2:19-20) for honoring and glorifying God.**

38. Few Will Find It

Jesus often used common ordinary things of this world to explain spiritual things. What did He use as an example for the possibility of every person entering Heaven? **The entrance of a gate only found in following a narrow pathway. This was easy to understand for ancient people given there were many gates in the city center, with each gate for a different purpose and leading to different things.**

Why might an out of the way gate be used in picturing the way to Heaven? **The pathway to heaven is not the common and tread down pathway followed by many in this world. The pathway to heaven is narrow and clearly defined in His Word.**

Why many cannot enter in the straight gate leading to Heaven? **They fail to "pick up their cross" and follow this narrow way with God, opting to go their own way. They selfishly choose to follow their own wayward direction to serve the many gods of this world.**

Why is there only one gate to enter Heaven? **John 14:6, there is only ONE way to God through faith in the finished work of His Son Jesus Christ on Calvary. The world tries to find Him many ways that only lead to certain destruction and eternal spiritual death.**

39. Seeking God's Answers

Who was meditating in **(Genesis 24:63)**? **Isaac**

What is the biblical definition of meditation? **"And Isaac went out to meditate in the field at the eventide: and he lifted up his eyes..." Lifting up his eyes was looking unto or meditating with God. Read Joshua 1:8, Psalm 1:2,104:34; 119:15; 139:17-18; 143:5-6 for more on what is considered meditation in God's Word.**

What has changed with the more modern, or up to date, definition often used for meditation? **Modern day meditation means thinking on other things far removed from God having nothing to do with communicating with Him in heartfelt attitude of prayer.**

Why must a child of God seek meditation only with Him? **Prayer is reserved for communication with God and God alone. Otherwise, it is speaking to evil spirits not the Spirit of God.**

40. Unravel and Relish

Who perished in the flood and who was saved from certain death? **People who did not personally know God perished. Noah was saved through faith and his family.**

What is the ark a picture of in the Old Testament? **God, It is a picture of being saved inside a personal relationship with God.**

Why did God repent of making mankind in **(Genesis 6:6-7)** and what did repent mean in this instance for God did not repent from sin? **God changed His mind about mankind. Repent means God changed His mind. Just as a saved man changes his mind about sin to agree with God about the nature of sin. Repent is a change of mind.**

According to **(2 Peter 2:5)**, Noah was the 8th person. What does this mean? **The number eight in God's Word means resurrection, as in a raising from the dead or regeneration of the spiritual heart unto eternal life.**

41. Pride Is Unhealthy

Why is boasting like clouds and wind without rain as recorded in **(Proverbs 25:14)**? **It is fleeting and skirts away like the clouds in the sky. An inflated opinion of oneself has no lasting value.**

Why must a man become a fool to become wise? **Only when a man understands he is naturally foolish can he then understand the wisdom found inside a personal relationship with God. Self magnifies the person while humbleness magnifies God.**

How can a man deceive himself? **Thinking too much of himself and nothing about God.**

Why does pride and boasting continue to be such a big problem for many in this world? **People continue to fill themselves to overflowing about themselves and nothing to do with God. God needs an empty pitcher or container (an empty heart of a man) to fill with Himself.**

42. Oblivious to Judgement

Why did the nations of Jerusalem and Judah backslide? **Ignored God**

What does God do about spiritually backward people? **Try to get their undivided attention but if he must, leave them to their own ruin without knowing God.**

What is strong delusion and why would God send this to spiritually wayward hearts? **Strong delusion completely clouds a person from seeing or knowing about God. Unsaved; both lost Gentiles and lost Jewish people have their hearts blinded by God. (There is no difference in nationality with God just saved or lost hearts).**

Why do many hearts ignore the coming judgment of God even today? **A heart without God serves only the god of this world and is shuttered to things of God out of ignorance or by his or her personal choice.**

43. Consider the Ant

Define the words **sluggard** and **slothful** using a Bible passages.

Proverbs 6:9; 10:26; 13:4; 15:19; 18:9; 19:15,24; 20:4; 21:25; 22:13; 24:30-34; 26:13-16; Matthew 25:26; Romans 12:11; Hebrews 6:12

Sluggard: lazy, deep sleep, folding of hands

Slothful: slow moving, failure to exert oneself

Who was this Proverb written by and for? **Written by Solomon for his son.**

What does vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes represent in **(Proverbs 10:26)**? **An irritant**

Why should a child of God always strive for being committed to having a good work ethic? **He should seek to honor and glorify God in everything. As if he was working unto God.**

44. Order of Marriage

What purpose was a woman created for? **To be a helpmeet and companion to man.**

What does leave and cleave mean regarding a godly based marriage? **Leave the authority of a parent and cleave unto their spouse as unto God.**

What instruction is given in the New Testament regarding marriage? **1 Corinthians 7:1-40, 13:4-7, Ephesians 5:22-23, Hebrews 13:4, Matthew 19:2-9, 1 Corinthians 7:39, Mark 10:8,12.**

Why do many people seek divorces today, and do you think many of these choices are based on God's Word? **It is likely many who seek divorce seek it because of worldly reasons that have nothing to do with the will and way of God as found in His Word. Only God knows the exact situations and heart of each person. Hardness of heart towards a spouse and death are the New Testament reasons (permissive will verses perfect will of God) given for divorce in clarifying it from the Old Testament as given from Moses with the law of God.**

45. Desires and Duty

Why does Job say is more valuable than food? **Spiritual sustenance of God's Word**

What did the prophet **Isaiah** say that God had given him to do in chapter **(61:1-2)**? **Preach good tidings to the meek, bind up broken hearts, proclaim liberty, and open the prison doors of the captives. Anotherwards, preach the Truth of Christ.**

How can a person know the will of God for his or her life? **God speaks in prayerful communication to the heart of His children and this work produces fruit of the Spirit in their life and gravitates into this world.**

What is the will of God for your life? ***Personal question*** **A desire from God will match and compliment the duty given of God and produce fruit of the Spirit.**

46. A Pig is Always A Pig

What is deceitful and vain? **Putting outward adornment on a pig. Nothing worn outward can change the inward condition of the heart. Favor is deceitful, beauty is vain.**

Where can any person find true beauty? **Living inside the will and way of God.**

What is a gazing stock? **Webster's 1828 Dictionary: GA'ZINGSTOCK, n. A person gazed at with scorn or abhorrence; an object of curiosity or contempt.**

What words does the Bible use in describing foolish woman? **A pig**

47. Chewed Up and Spit Out

Who is Nebuchadnezzar and what nation did he lead? **King of Babylon**

What kind of treatment did the nation of Judah receive from Babylon? **Horrible persecution because of their Jewish heritage. King Nebuchadnezzar picked on a nation of small stature which seemed it would be easy picking.**

Where was the nation of Judah located? You know it by what name today? **Jerusalem, a small strip of land in a fertile crescent.**

Why did God not take such oppression and ill treatment of these people lightly? They are His people. **Jesus Christ's fleshly heritage is Jewish, and they are His chosen people.**

48. A Servant's Heart

What is the Apostle Paul really saying in this seemingly tongue tangled mess? **We are to serve others through humbly serving Christ.**

What did this mean in relating to those souls he was trying to reach with the gospel message? **A servant of God was to become whatever was necessary, within the will of God, for reaching lost hearts. Someone once said to bloom where planted.**

Where does the law of God and circumcision come into play in the New Testament? **Separation from sin is necessary in serving God. A man of God does not have to be Jewish in heritage, as Greeks are grafted into the family of God through faith in God in not in observing and applying the minutiae contained in the Law of God. God sent His Son to fulfill the Law because man could not do this on his own merit.**

Why does every man naturally desire to serve sin rather than God in his flesh? **It can often seem to be more palatable than to serve sin for a time. However, no liberty can be found in serving the flesh but only in sincere service to God.**

Can any person meet the law of God on his own merit? **No, that is impossible to meet or exceed the Law of God, "but for the grace of God" as was explained by the Apostle Paul.**

49. The Royal Lineage

What are the differences in the two genealogies. **One is written from a Jewish perspective, the other from a Gentile point of view. One starts from the beginning of the creation of mankind with Adam, the other begins with Abraham, or after the flood.**

What are the similarities between these two accounts? **Both include Mary and the birth of Jesus.**

Where does writer of the book of **Matthew** perspective come from? **The generation of Jesus Christ. Joseph is listed in this genealogy as the husband of Mary, not the father of Jesus Christ, as is correct. Mary gave birth to Jesus Christ as a virgin.**

Though he was a Jewish man, what perspective does Luke use in writing the book of **Luke**? **The human perspective is the style this book is written.**

50. Profit or Burn

What motives does the Apostle Paul bear for us in (**Philippians 1:20-21**)? **Jesus Christ magnified in his life on this earth and in death. The Apostle Paul sees physical death not as an end, but a marvelous beginning for eternity in fellowship with Christ.**

What does human nature cause lost people to seek? **Their own good and interests foremost, others perhaps second, and Jesus Christ last, or He is not sought at all.**

Where does a child of God glory in rather than themselves? **God**

Why is this world so selfish and absorbed? **Eyes on self and things of this world rather than God.**

In (**Philippians 1:23**) Paul tells us he looks forward to eternal profit in **Christ**.

51. Proof in The Pudding

The whole conclusion of a matter is the **sum** of its **parts**

What was John the Baptist criticized about in his sparse kind of living? Jesus was also criticized for what kind of things? **John the Baptist was criticized both for his odd style of living and because he was bold in telling the truth, even if it meant persecution or death.**

How did Jesus rise above the barbs of His critics as He lived and preached in this world? **Jesus Christ was physically alive in the flesh lived and stood tall with the supernatural power and presence of God on board his heart.**

Why do we have liberty and potential in Christ rather than limitations and laws? **Living with Christ dwelling in softened hearts is a New Testament opportunity given to all mankind through placing faith in the finished work of Calvary. Living in Christ is a supernatural relationship founded on unconditional love and mercy of God given without merit. The shed blood of Calvary took care of the Old Testament sacrifices for sin, mankind's limitations, and Mosaic laws satisfied with the substitutionary death of Christ to pay the debt of sin in full.**

52. "I Am" Not "I Was"

I am, I was, explain the difference between present tense and past tense and how it must be used in referring to God. **God always is present. He is always referred to in the present tense for He has no beginning or end, He is.**

Who is god of the dead? **God is the God of those spiritually quickened alive, while god is god of the dead spiritual hearts in this world. However, God created all mankind and has authority over all, living or dead physically and in Spirit.**

God is the God of **Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.**

Why must a child of God live as **spiritually dead** and **spiritually alive** on this earth? To identify with Jesus Christ in life, death, and new spiritual life.

53. Loving Selflessly

There is both genuine godly love and a "pseudo love" at work in this world. Which one has a greater cost when giving to another? **Real love costs. Jesus Christ willingly gave his physical life in loving mankind unconditionally. Loving loveable people is comfortable and comes quite naturally but choosing to love the unlovable often involves a significant personal cost in doing so.**

Who are the publicans referred to in Luke 6:33? **The Pharisees**

What kind of love do these publicans often choose to give? **Love based on conditions.**

What kind of love does a child of God desire to give others as recorded in (**Ephesians 4:15**) and (**Hebrews 4:12**). **Truth filled love that can cut to the core of a person in the spirit of love and spiritual benefit.**

What kind of suffering in love is acceptable to God according to (**1 Peter 2:19-20**)? **To do well in God's estimation and suffer for it is acceptable to God.**

54. Conviction of The Heart

Explain the difference between being pricked in the heart, cut in the heart, and personal repentance? **Pricked in the heart is gentle nudging of God. Cut in the heart is being wounded with the Truth of God for spiritual benefit. Personal repentance comes when a person understands the nature of sin, chooses to agree with God about the nature of sin, and to apply this change of mind about personal sin in his own life.**

What did God wink at, but now does not. **sin.**

Some will say that repentance has two sides. **One side is being sorry for sin and the other side is applying personal change. This is made possible through the power and presence of God at work in the heart of the matter.**

Why is mourning one's sin necessary for genuine repentance? **Understanding sin and seeing it at work in another person's life is different than recognizing sin at work in your own life and grieving about it to the point of allowing God to remove it.**

55. Antidote for Demons

Is there a provable link between demons and sickness, both spiritual and physical ailments? **Yes, there was no sickness before sin was at work in this world for everything was good and was perfect according to God. However, once Eve then Adam ate of the fruit God forbade them, their eyes were opened. At this point then, sin was at work in the world, and it was no longer a perfect atmosphere. Sin affected everything, every creature and creation, including sickness; both spiritually and physically.**

Why were these people ailing in **(Mark 1:32-34)**? **Divers physical diseases and some with demonic possession were healed.**

Explain what is the biblical based antidote for removing demons? **Prayer, fasting, and faith can remove demons. Individually these things may work in healing a person, but as found in Mark chapter 9, some demons “latch on” and can only be removed with all resources combined. Mark 9:28-29; 2 Chronicles 7:14; Psalm 35:13.**

(Isaiah 53:4) is a prophecy concerning Israel, but what implications does it have for our application today? **This verse speaks of spiritual blindness affecting unsaved Jewish souls then, and to this day. Not only that, but spiritual blindness because of chosen ignorance, (God can clearly be seen by everyone in creation **Romans chapter 1**) affects unsaved souls today.**

56. Daniel Found Favor

Read Daniel 6:1-3- Exodus 18:21-22, 1st Peter 2:13-14, Daniel 2:48-49, 1 Samuel 2:30, Daniel 5:16, 29, Proverbs 22:29, Daniel 5:14, Proverbs 17:27

Why was Daniel chosen by the king to set over the kingdom? **Darius the new King said there was an excellent spirit and attitude in Daniel. The other men were jealous of Daniel’s new position but could find no fault in him.**

Who was to report unto Daniel? **All the other men, the presidents and princes.**

To whom was Daniel to account to in this appointment? **King Darius**

How does this appointment by the king show the presence and work of God in Daniel’s life? **God gave Daniel favor and position with the king over all other men because he knew he could trust him. Darius knew Daniel was aligned with God. The jealous men introduce a new law to the king which he signed into effect that outlawed prayer to God in hopes of catching Daniel breaking the law and lifting these men up while knocking him down. Yes, there is a price for doing right and obeying God but through it all Daniel was given favor of God.**

57. A New Avenue

Is there more than one way, or avenue to Heaven? **Give applicable scripture verses. No, only one way, through Jesus Christ. Read (John 14:6, John 10:9), and many other like verses which clearly indicate eternal life only comes through knowing Jesus Christ.**

What did Jesus Christ do in paving the way to Heaven? **He willingly came to this earth from the throne of God (2 Corinthians 8:9), was born in the flesh, died as a shed blood sacrifice on the cross at Calvary, and rose again the third day unto new spiritual life. Forgiveness of sin; past, present, and future was taken care of in full by Jesus Christ’s shed blood sacrifice. The sting of sin and death was forever taken care of and paid in full, opening the way for whosoever to possess eternal life.**

Explain how a person can enter Heaven by the blood of Jesus Christ. **Life is in the blood, (Leviticus 17:11). Jesus Christ brought new life to mankind through His shed blood sacrifice. No longer must a man offer animals as a sacrifice for sin because Calvary paid the debt of sin in full forever.**

Who is the high priest over the house of God? **Melchisedec in Old Testament which pointed to Jesus Christ in the New Testament.**

58. The Best Is Yet to Come

Was the best alcoholic wine saved for last? **That is what it seemed like when first reading these verses. However, in studying this out it is not alcoholic wine saved for last.**

This wedding ran out of wine, where did the best wine come from? **Jesus performed a miracle at the urging of his mother.**

Was this wine really living water, **(Revelation 7:16-17)**? **Yes. as is spoken of in these verses in Revelation it was living water given of Christ.**

What does these verses, given of God: **Ephesians 5:18, Galatians 5:21, Proverbs 20:1**, say to us about drinking fermented alcohol? **Rather than drinking be filled with the Spirit of God, drunkards shall not inherit eternal life, and wine and strong drink cause a man to rage and mock. Nothing good can come from drinking even in moderation and a wise man refrains from any drink.**

59. A Roll your Eyes Moment

What does the word **smite** mean in **(Exodus chapter 7)** and **(1st Samuel 17:46-47)**? **It is used both literally and figuratively to mean strike, hit, beat, cast forth, murder, punish, slaughter..., this rings true throughout the entire canon of scripture.**

What did God instruct Moses to do with his rod? **To get the attention of Pharaoh he was to smite the water in the river with his rod.**

What happened to the water? **It turned to blood just as God said. The fish died, and the people would not drink it.**

Why did God need to get the attention of Pharaoh? **So that Pharaoh would know that Moses was sent of God for his heart was hardened and he refused to let the people go.**

60. Leadership Gathered

Who were the men that gathered together against Jesus? **Chief Priests, scribes, and elders**

What did they wish to do? **They conspired about how to kill Jesus.**

Why could these men not carry out their plans this day? **Because there was a large crowd gathered for the Passover feast.**

Who experienced leaders gathering against him in the Old Testament according to (**Psalm 56:5**)? What was this a picture of in the New Testament? **In the Old Testament David was lamenting about his enemies gathering around him. This was a picture of Jesus Christ in the New Testament.**

61. From Top to Bottom

What is the significance of the veil of the temple being torn in two from top to bottom? **Only God could have torn it from the top. For that matter, it has also been said that no man could tear it from bottom either because the bottom was covered with residue and thickened due to previous sacrifices in the temple and the material would not tear.**

What does Leviticus 16:2-19 give us great details about? **The intricate details of God's temple.**

Why is (**Mark 15:38**) and verses from (**Leviticus 16:2-19**) cross referenced? **Because the veil being ripped was a foreshadow of the flesh of Jesus Christ upon Calvary. Read in **Hebrews 10:20** about Jesus Christ bringing a new once and for all sacrifice for sin.**

What did the tearing of the veil in Mark signify the end of? **There is no longer a need for animal sacrifices for the debt of sin has been taken care of in its entirety.**

62. He Faced All Temptation

Who can sympathize with our weakness in the flesh? **Jesus Christ who faced every kind of temptation, but without sinning, knows firsthand the tricks satan uses to tempt us in our flesh.**

What can we do when tempted in our flesh? **Lean on Jesus, learn from his response to temptation in (Matthew chapter 4), put scripture in our heart (Psalm 119:11) and be ready to quote scripture, put on the armor of God (Ephesians Chapter 6) and in the end choose faith in God, no fear of the devil, and to walk worthy.**

What temptations did Jesus suffer in the flesh? There are three kinds of temptations our flesh? **God tells us in His Word what the three kinds of temptations are: **1 John 2:15-16 (KJB) Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.****

How can a person stand strong, even in the middle of great temptation? **By standing in faith in God's supernatural power and presence and looking unto Him rather than the circumstances at work about us in this world.**

63. Truth Is Perpetual

In the context of this verse in ancient biblical times who is Jesus warning about this persecution? **These verses are applicable for Jewish people in ancient times, now, and in the tribulation period yet to come.**

What local councils, or secular authorities might have been in operation against the Jewish people inside this biblical time period? **A Sanhedrin Council, whether it be a local assembly or a national council of Jewish leaders.**

Does this verse point to persecution in the tribulation period yet to come? **Yes, see answer to question 1.**

64. Wrestling of Wills

Who did Jacob wrestle with in this verse? **God**

Was this a physical wrestling match or one of a physical nature? **Jacob wrestled with a physical manifestation of God who wounded his hip gently (touched it and knocked it out of socket) in the match.**

Have you ever wrestled with your will and God's will for your life? If we are all honest, this answer is certainly yes (at least a time or two). Or maybe even many times for hard headed people like me. Every person has wrestled with God wanting to have their own way rather than His way in their life.

Can we negotiate with God concerning His will in our life? No, we either follow His direction and will for our life, or we stand in opposition to God about it. There is no middle ground. God does not negotiate terms.

65. God's Inexhaustible Love

What significance does the word **WERE** have in the context of these verses in **Titus 3:3-7**? Using the word were is past tense and signifies events, attitudes, actions that happened in a person's past before his or her a new life in Christ.

What does the word **BUT** do for the context of verse 4 of Titus chapter 3? The word **but** signifies after salvation of the heart has taken place. A person was this way, but now God has taken up residence in his spiritually changed heart.

What do these verses above collectively tell us about the love of God? God's love is greater than anything in our past. Not only that but it is available for whosoever desires to place a "but" in their life and begin anew with God.

Define the word **inexhaustible** and discuss a few synonyms than could be used in place of this word. **Inexhaustible** means infinite, unlimited, without limit or end. This means God's love is greater than anything and His mercy is without end for any person who places faith in His supernatural power and presence.

Webster's 1828 Dictionary says: **INEXHAUST'IBLE**, a. *in and exhaustible*.

1. That cannot be exhausted or emptied; unending; as an inexhaustible quantity or supply of water.

2. That cannot be wasted or spent; as inexhaustible stores of provisions.

66. Sincere Conviction

Who was Jesus speaking **to** in (**John 8:9**)? **Jesus**

Who was Jesus speaking **about** in (**John 8:9**)? **The accusers of this adulterous woman**

Define the word conviction in biblical based terms. Conviction in this instance means their own conscious pricking their heart about wrong doing. However, this word can also be used to mean a person is found guilty in a court of law, or the act of persuading a person to tell the truth. Sincere conviction brings repentance before God. It is not enough to know something is wrong, a person forgiven of sin is sincerely sorry for his sin or found guilty before God. (**1st John 1:9-10**)

Why were these men convicted of their own sin and Jesus lovingly spoke to woman who was caught in sin who was told to go and sin no more? These men were pricked in the heart or nudged by God about their own sin in hearing Him speak with love to this woman caught in the act of adultery, for they had no room to point out her sin because they had sins of their own to take care of.

67. Power Packed Punch

What does it mean in (**verse 31 of Hebrews chapter 10**) to fall into the hands of the living God? **To have willful disregard for God and to reject Jesus Christ.**

Why are most people fearful of things in this world and harbor no, or little, fear of God? **Many people react to their circumstances and events in their life and fail to focus on God and have faith in Him rather than fear in this world.**

What does it mean to sin willfully in (**Hebrews 10:26**)? **To sin knowingly, that the act or attitude stands in opposition to God.**

What will God impart into the lives of every wicked leaning heart? **God will judge them with eternal punishment for sin.**

68. Submit Before Sacrifice

Define Biblically the following words: **justice**, **judgment**, and **sacrifice**.

Justice: **Giving what is due.**

Judgment: **Passing sentence or a right decision.**

Sacrifice: **Offer unto God rather than serve self.**

Why are justice and judgement more important than sacrifice in God's estimation? **God is most interested in our personal obedience out of love, not because of having a sense of duty. God is not interested in a religious show or ceremony of our sacrifices in lieu of being submissive to His will.**

What are things professing Christians are willing to sacrifice rather than be obedient to God? **Money, tithes; and sacrificing time by working in the church, helping the poor, serving meals, and finally giving of themselves by loving others.**

Why is sacrificing of themselves before God so hard for many with well-intentioned hearts? **Sacrifices often cost less (perhaps not a personal choice to give of self) than being obedient to things of God. Anotherwards, sacrifices can be given without a change of heart in simply being a nice and moral person, while sincerely surrendering to God can only come through a spiritually softened obedient heart.**

69. Rules, Rites, Religion

What kind of things did the Pharisees consider not lawful on the Sabbath day? **Picking corn to eat, healing physical and spiritual ills and such**

What is the difference between **traditions, decrees,** and "**religious acts,**" of mankind?

Traditions are ideals handed down through generations by man. **Decrees** are ordinances handed down by God and can originate from authorities of mankind issues by civil laws. **Religious acts** are actions and works by man.

Do you think that plucking an ear of corn was a work on the Sabbath day? **No, I believe the Pharisees were looking for something to pick about with Jesus.**

Why do you think these men had such a critical spirit towards Jesus? **They desired to do right (by keeping laws) rather than being right with God. Picking at Him removed any focus on the hardened state of their own hearts.**

70. Persecution Surges

Who should expect to face persecution in this world? **Every person is harassed by spiritual forces and a child of God will face certain persecution for trusting and serving in the name of Jesus Christ.**

What does it mean to stir up devout and honorable women? **These women were women of honor and influence of this city and along with men, likely leaders, were stirred up about the sharing of the Gospel message and tossed Paul and the others out of the city.**

Where did Paul travel to next after facing persecution from these women and men of the city? **Iconium**

What does it mean when Paul and his group shook the dust of this town off their feet as they left? **This meant these men took their sandals off and shook the dust from their feet because it was fowl or polluted, an evil spiritual area.**

71. What an Epitaph!

What is an epitaph? **A grave marker with a saying engraved in it.**

What two things were written on Joshua's marker according to **(Judges 2:7-8)?**

Judges 2:8 (KJB) And Joshua the son of Nun, the **servant of the LORD**, died, *being* **an hundred and ten years old.**

Work out your salvation with **fear** and **trembling** according to **(Philippians 2:12).**

72. Calm Before the Storm

The Bible does not tell us why there was silence in Heaven for a half hour span, but what was on the horizon? **Judgment of God was about to commence.**

Why do you think there was silence in heaven? **Perhaps every soul was reflecting on his or her life for the air was always filled with praises to God. Time is not kept in heaven as it is on earth and this recording of a half hour silence was possibly according to a measurement of time not as we measure time today.**

73. Aptly Applies to Ahithophel and Judas?

Judas may be a familiar person to you but who is Ahithophel? **An Old Testament associate of King David. Kind David is an Old Testament picture of Jesus Christ.**

What was it that these two men had in common? **Both men were leaders and authority figures who had a close associate who secretly desired their harm rather than good.**

Who did Ahithophel treat unjustly **King David** Judas treated **Jesus Christ** as an enemy.

I am sure you have heard of a modern word **frenemy**, how is this word like how Ahithophel and Judas treated “friends”? **These men pretended to be friends and close associates of their leader/king but were really harboring intent to allow others to harm them unto death for their personal gain. There are people who seem to be a friend when really, they are busy about stabbing their associate in the back and causing harm which will come to the surface and be known.**

74. Putrid Before God

What does pure in one’s own eyes mean? **Pure according to our own limited view point and standards.**

What does pure in the eyes of God mean? **Pure according to God’s holy estimation, of which all things will be reconciled and is the only true standard for every man to be measured against as he sojourns in this world and as when spirit receives an perpetual address in eternity.**

How can a person be clean before God? **Identify with God inside a personal relationship with God through faith and allow Him to do the cleaning and sanctifying of his soul.**

Define these words using the Bible: **consecration, innocent, holy and sanctified.**

Consecration- see Ex 29:22,26-27,31; Le 8:22,29,33; Nu 6:7,9- **set aside for God having been cleaned and dedicated for use by God.**

Innocent- see Ex 23:7; De 19:10,13; De 21:8-9; De 27:25; 1Sa 19:5; 1Ki 2:31; 2Ki 21:16; 2Ki 24:4; Job 4:7; Job 9:23,28; Job 17:8; Job 22:19,30; Job 27:17; Job 33:9; Ps 10:8; Ps 15:5; Ps 19:13; Ps 94:21; Ps 106:38; Pr 1:11; Pr 6:17,29; Pr 28:20; Isa 59:7; Jer 2:35; Jer 7:6; Jer 22:3,17; Jer 26:15; Joe 3:19; Jon 1:14; Mt 27:4,24- **without blame or cleared of guilt by the finished work of Calvary having a clean account with God concerning sin.**

Holy- There are over 500 hundred results of this word in the Bible. Read **Exodus, Leviticus, and Isaiah** in the Old Testament and **Acts, Hebrews, and Revelation** in the New Testament for better understanding the word holy and what God considers to be holy and practically set aside and consecrated or hallowed unto Him for His will and purposes.

Sanctified- Ge 2:3; Ex 19:14; Ex 29:43; Le 8:10,15,30; Le 10:3; Le 27:15,19; Nu 7:1; Nu 8:17; Nu 20:13; De 32:51; 1Sa 7:1; 1Sa 16:5; 1Sa 21:5; 1Ch 15:14; 2Ch 5:11; 2Ch 7:16,20; 2Ch 29:15,17,19,34; 2Ch 30:3,8,15,17,24; 2Ch 31:18; Ne 3:1; Ne 12:47; Job 1:5; Isa 5:16; Isa 13:3; Jer 1:5; Eze 20:41; Eze 28:22,25; Eze 36:23; Eze 38:16; Eze 39:27; Eze 48:11; Joh 10:36; Joh 17:19; Ac 20:32; Ac 26:18; Ro 15:16; 1Co 1:2; 1Co 6:11; 1Co 7:14; 1Ti 4:5; 2Ti 2:21; Heb 2:11; Heb 10:10,14,29; Jude 1. **Sanctified means to be set apart for God’s use.**

75. An Enticing Witness

Give the biblical definition of the word entice? Ex 22:16; De 13:6; Jg 14:15; Jg 16:5; 2Ch 18:19-21; Pr 1:10- **to incite, allure in a good way. Often this word is used in a negative sense today making it harder for people to understand what it means in a positive light as is used in this verse.**

These Jewish men were unable to **resist** the wisdom and the Of this man named **Stephen**.

His words contained **supernatural** power and **inspiration**, given of God.

76. Man is His Own Enemy

What does it mean to be a respecter of persons? **Discriminate according to individual characteristics and nature of a man rather than uniting in Christ. God desires to unite mankind to Himself. The god of this world desires to discriminate and divide people.**

Instead of respecter, what words are commonly used today in describing such a person? **Discriminator, divider, judgmental, hypocritical, hater, when a person sincerely identifies with Christ he has a heart of love and unity and seeks for every soul to recognize and align with God through Christ.**

Why did the Jewish people believe that they were “above” the Gentiles in the eyes of God? **Because they were the “chosen of God” being born physically as a Jew and as natural relatives of God and the Gentiles were as dogs.**

The truth is that God only sees a man as **spiritually saved** or **lost** rather than any other division or partiality commonly applied in this world.

77. He Is of Age

This son in question was born **blind (spiritually and physically).**

What had happened that he now had vision? **He could see (spiritually and physically).**

Why did his parents refuse to answer for his sudden sight? **Perhaps they were afraid of giving answer for something they were unsure how to explain (supernatural) and perhaps it would lead to them being tossed out of the synagogue. It would be easier for a person to explain a supernatural event today involving the power and presence of Jesus Christ than in early church times since we have God's Word to hold on our hands, read for ourselves, and it is filled with other such miraculous events for our appreciation, application, and learning.**

What does of age mean? **Age of accountability.**

78. Love Without Hypocrisy

Define biblically what is **dissimulation**. Read -Ro 12:9; Ga 2:13 **Dissimulation is to hide under false pretenses or pretend or feign to love another.**

What does **abhor** evil in the Bible mean? Read Le 26:11,15,30,44; De 7:26; De 23:7; 1Sa 27:12; Job 9:31; Job 30:10; Job 42:6; Ps 5:6; Ps 119:163; Pr 24:24; Jer 14:21; Am 5:10; Am 6:8; Mic 3:9; Ro 12:9- **Abhor** means to hate, to loathe, to contest.

Describe what God has recorded about sincere love? **The Bible is filled to overflowing with many passages about the love of God. Read especially a chapter dedicated to sincere love in 1 Corinthians chapter 13 specifically for focusing on love rather than tongues, Read Romans for understanding God's love to us, read John 3:16 for understanding Jesus Christ's love for His Father, and read 1st John for application of love in our life and in affecting others. There are many other great verses about love, (God's and ours) in His Word that can be read and applied here.**

What are the seven abominations in the heart referred to in (**Proverbs 26:25**) and listed in (**Proverbs 6:16-19**) which often get in the way of genuine love? **Proverbs 6:16-19 (KJB) These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: ¹⁷ A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, ¹⁸ An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, ¹⁹ A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.**

79. Delivered unto Satan

Who is Hymenaeus and Alexander? **Associates of Paul**

What does the Bible say that they did causing the Apostle Paul to go to extreme measures? **Blaspheme**

What does it mean to turn a person over to satan? **Allow a person (with either a lost or wayward soul) to remain in his or her besetting sin (**Hebrews 12:1-3**) in hopes that his or her heart can be sanctified from their pet error. Sometimes a man must learn the hard way in life through trials of fire rather than through hearing he or she needs to make a change.**

Would being turned over to satan be a permanent place for them, or could these men learn a lesson and potentially be saved? **Either is possible- learn a great lesson and be positionally saved in Christ or learn a lesson and receive greater blessings if they are already a child of God. We cannot be sure of their heart condition, but I believe they were saved men choosing to live a wayward life for they were associates of Paul.**

What kind of actions, attitudes, or choices might cause a person to be turned over to satan? **Failing to remove pet sin and being a billboard for the god of this world rather than God. Hate, a root of bitterness, teaching false doctrine and refusing necessary correction, and many more grievous sins could be mentioned here.**

80. The True Tabernacle

Where is the true tabernacle today? **We can meet with God today who has taken up residence inside softened hearts of man as he sojourns in his tent of flesh.**

What does it mean "the Lord pitched..." in (**Hebrews 8:2**)? **God fashioned the tent of man, or his flesh.**

Many people perhaps miss the significance of the Old Testament Tabernacle and fail to tie it together with the True Tabernacle. Why was the O.T. Tabernacle more than just a tent that was moved around? **It was a house which provided a meeting place with God. When God (Father, Son, Spirit) was dwelling in this tent in Old Testament times it was a Holy place.**

Who was the more perfect tabernacle mentioned in (**Hebrews 9:11**)? **Jesus Christ**

81. The Spiritual Baton

Who is responsible for passing the spiritual baton to the next generation? **Every Person**

Is passing the baton to the next generation a suggestion, expectation, or a **command** for a child of God?

Is there any time or event that a child of God is excused from passing the torch to the next generation? **None whatsoever.**

The home is supposed to be the major training ground for the next generation. How does the current condition of many homes affect this world? **The current condition of many homes in this world do not provide a place for learning things of God for they are in sad upheaval and a haven to the god of this world. Moms are working, many are single mothers, dads are busy trying to provide for his family, or absent all together, and many kids are left without a sense of family. Though, this can never be used as an excuse to not know and serve God for He is evidenced in creation (Romans 1:20-21) so that all mankind can know Him. Today's home does not provide a great opportunity for learning of God, it is still possible to know and love God in some godly homes who can then affect other hearts and homes for God.**

82. A Three-Prong Union

Describe the relationship between the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **It is a three-prong union with an unbreakable spiritual cord.**

Explain what a mediator is in a legal situation, and in relation to God? A mediator is a third party who acts as a negotiator and facilitator between two people or entities in disagreement. **This kind of disagreement often ends up being resolved either by the negotiator or a judge in a court of law. Likewise, a mediator (Jesus Christ) reconciles a man to God. Or when a man has not been reconciled (is spiritually lost) will be judged in a coming time by Jesus Christ.**

What is a hypostatic union? **A theological term used to describe the unbreakable union of Christ's humanity and divinity.**

Explain the humanity of Jesus Christ and the divinity of God, and the presence of the Holy Spirit? **Jesus Christ was born in the flesh as a man but was still God. The Holy Spirit came to this earth in God's timing for us after Jesus Christ died physically and arose from His grave in His Spirit in three days.**

83. The Hour Unknown

In the time of Noah there was great evil, but many people went on about living choosing not to pay attention or be indifferent to wickedness. Can the same be said of today? **YES**

Why did God repent of creating mankind in (**Genesis 6:7**)? **God changed His mind about mankind since most were evil continually and He desired to wipe them out and start over.**

Noah was both **faithful** and **obedient** despite the presence of such great evil.

Why do many people today fail to live godly like Noah? **Because many people live for self rather than live for God (Galatians 2:20).**

84. Glory to God

When God shines in earthen vessels what is the treasure to be found? **Holy Spirit**

God's **Spirit** shines in the cracks and crevices of willing and useful vessels found in this world. When a body is **dissolved** (2 Corinthians 5:1) a building of God will be found in eternity.

God's ability and supernatural presence are not tied to human **abilities, power, or merit.**

85. Be A Man!

What king was nearing death and gave charge to his son to take his place on the throne. **David**

What was the name of his son? **Solomon**

In (**1st Chronicles 28:20**) David told his son to be **strong** and of **good courage.**

David told his **son to be a man** This is a message many young men need to hear today.

86. Prayers for All Men

(**1st Timothy 2:1**) encourages that **supplications**, and **prayers** the **giving of intercession**, and **thanks** be made for all men.

What differences could be found in this world if professing Christians would follow the directives found in (**1st Timothy 2:1**)? **The world would potentially have many more Christ-like godly hearts at work.**

(**Romans 13:1-7**) directs every soul be subject to **higher powers**. The authority on this earth is subject to God whether it be good or evil and mankind is to not **ignore** the authority of God as the powers on this earth are of God or allowed by God. Mankind is ultimately serving **God** when following the authority of man on this earth as it agrees with God.

87. Live and Walk in The Spirit

Why is it not enough to profess a personal relationship with Christ? **Head knowledge is nothing without a heart changed by the power and presence of God through faith.**

A genuine child of God both **lives** and **walks** in the Spirit. A child of the god of this world **lives** and **walks** aligned with the spirit of the god of this world.

A child of God is **free** from the **law of sin** and **death** according to (**Romans 8:2**).

Walking in Spirit is **faith** in action.

88. "Spiritual Pecking" order

God has established absolute **authority** and mankind is subject to Him both in this world and in the **eternal realm**.

Why do many in this world feel as if they can do and be what they want? **They do not abide in the authority and power of God and are living in self will rather than God's will.**

In (**2nd Peter 2:16**) we are not to use our freedom in Christ as a cloak of **maliciousness**.

89. Heaven Has A Wall

Peace and **prosperity** were found inside the walls according to (Psalms 122:7).

What were some of the precious stones mentioned that were placed on these walls? (Some of these stone are also considered "birth stones today.) **Topaz, Jasper, Sapphire, emerald, chalcedony, sardius, chrysoprasus,, jacinth, amethyst and pearls.**

Could walls placed around our cities and/or country be beneficial for us today? **I believe so.**

One of the ancient minor prophets built a wall in the Old Testament as was described in the Bible in the book of **Nehemiah**

Why, do you suppose, that God saw fit to build a wall around His throne in Heaven? **Perhaps for a divide between heaven and hell or being with Him or without His fellowship.**

90. Position and Disposition

Explain the difference between having a personal relationship with God and a day to day walk with Him. **One is an eternal position in Christ, the other is a day to day relationship with Him.**

What does it mean to be free from condemnation? **Innocent before God and free from censure**

Where does a man's righteousness come, and why is this important in the life of a child of God? **A man's righteousness can only come from God. A child of God can take no credit for his standing with God.**

Why are there no "bragging rights" available in the life of a child of God (Isaiah 54:17)? **All glory and honor goes to God for no man can brag of his standing with God.**

What is the curse of the law (**Galatians 3:13**) that God saw fit to redeem mankind from? **Death from sin**

91. A Glimpse of God

Why did the prophet Isaiah exclaim "woe is me..." in verse 5? **He was "undone" seeing his desperate heart condition because of sin against the glory of God.**

What did Isaiah realize about himself upon seeing the holiness and righteousness of God? **Isaiah saw his own sinful wretched heart.**

Why is God to be greatly feared? **Because He is the ultimate authority and His Son will be the Judge of all hearts.**

Why are idle words and actions so dangerous in the lives of every person? **They are not idle to God for He knows are every word and action as we live in this world. A spiritually lost man can miss Heaven and a saved man can lose rewards because of his idle words.**

92. God Appointed Matthias?

Describe what is casting lots. **Drawing lots for dispersing items, dividing of things, or in handing out assignments.**

Did God call for these men to cast lots? **That question is not answerable this side of Heaven for we were not privy to their heart and prayer life, but an argument can be made that no, God did not direct these men to cast lots to appoint Matthias and that he was appointed of man instead of God. Some would say God appointed The Apostle Paul to replace Judas.**

Why did a lot fall upon Jonah in the Old Testament? **Jonah , to preach to the Gentiles.**

Who did the lot fall on to replace Judas in the New Testament? **Matthias**

93. Washed with Dirty Water

When Pilate saw that this situation with Jesus was beyond anything he could fix, even when knowing that Jesus was innocent, Pilate chose to do what? **Go with the crowd's opinion to have Jesus put to death.**

Why did this not make Pilate innocent? **He had the blood of Jesus on his hands, or was guilty of sin.**

What did the crowd call for in (Luke 23:21)? **Crucify Him**

Why was an innocent man put to death and evil men left to seemingly triumph? **It fulfilled prophecy and brought about the will of God.**

Why are many 'washing their hands' with dirty water today? **They willfully sin and fail to seek God or forgiveness. In an attempt to look and feel clean they try to "clean themselves" but cannot.**

94. A Devouring Plague

What are the devouring insects listed in verse four? **Palmerworm, cankerworm, caterpillar, locust**

Why were these insects sent to destroy the crops of Israel? **Judgment of God**

Why should we care about this situation today in this current age of grace? **God will send Jesus Christ to judge hearts and to destroy lost hearts.**

What lessons are applicable for us today? **There are always consequences for sin. Death and eternal separation from God is the consequence for any person who does not know God personally. This should make a child of God desire to sow seeds of the Gospel message to lost hearts.**

95. A Host of Angels

How many is in a host of angels? **10,000 times 10,000 angels are a host of angels or an army of angels.**

How many elders were around the throne of God? **24**

What Apostle was afforded this special glimpse into the heavenly realm? **John**

What other things did this man see and describe for us? **The walls, roads, book of Life, seven seals, angels, The Lamb, 4 beasts, elders, harps, golden vials, and throne of God**

Things seen in heaven seen by this Apostle were also described by others in the Old Testament, give a few examples of these verses from the Old Testament. **Ezekiel 1:1, Elisha in 2 Kings 6:15-17**

96. A Sinner from Birth

Every person is born a sinner and with a sentence of death.

What does this verse from Job tell us about the natural condition of every person's heart? **Naturally born a sinner.**

In (Job 25:4) A question from Bildad begs each of us to ask- how can a man be justified before God? **How can a man born of a woman be clean is the question.**

Why is it important to be in good spiritual standing with God? **Physical death comes to all mankind and his or her spirit will enter eternity.**

According to (Matthew 11:11) Jesus says what about John the Baptist, and us? **He that is least in the kingdom is the greatest. (most humble and sincere)**

97. His Perfect Will

In a nutshell. What does be fruitful, multiply, and replenish mean for us today? **Walk worthy, sow seeds, and reproduce more servants of God.**

Describe the spiritual application of being fruitful and multiplying in this world? **Living a Galatians 2:20 life in the power and presence of God rather than living for self to reproduce more saved souls who will go to heaven in fellowship with God.**

Sarah was made a mother of many nations.

In whose seed shall the nations be blessed? **Abraham** according to (Genesis 22:18).

98. Test Against Truth

Who is to examine the truth in themselves and how does a person prove themselves to be in the faith? **Every person is to examine their heart. Proving himself as a child of God is through his walk, his talk, and the love at work in his heart and hands in this world.**

Why must a person know he is a reprobate before he genuinely knows Christ. **A person must see himself as he is and God as He is before he can sincerely know Jesus Christ on a personal level.**

What does **(James 4:4)** say about being a friend to this evil world and sincerely knowing God? **A man cannot be friends with the world and know God personally. A man either aligns himself with God or the god of this world.**

What does sincere love of God prove about a person's life? **He is in the family of God.**

Describe abiding God and estranged from the world. **Abiding in God is to turn to Him in faith and dwell in His power and strength. To be estranged from this world means to live apart from the god of this world and his wicked workers of deceit.**

99. Bad News is Profitable

How can something unpleasant or bad be profitable? **Things of God are not always a bed of roses it has been said, however, after being brought through a struggle, a person can see where God was at work in the situation the whole time. Profit of God often comes through difficult times. (John 16:33) but it will be worth all the struggles!**

Jesus gave His disciples the bad news first, that He would have to **die**.

However, secondly, **a comforter** would come.

Where was Jesus going to go to **His Father** and did His disciples understand what He was telling them?

In **(John 14:3)** Jesus gave us two promises which were 1. **He was going to prepare a place for them** and secondly, **He would return for them.**

100. Aliens to Assimilate

What does it mean to vex or oppress a stranger? **Harass and persecute them**

What does it mean to love others as you do yourself? **A man always naturally best loves himself, but Jesus Calls us to love Him, others, then self.**

A false balance is an **abomination** A just weight is **delight** to the Lord. **(Proverbs 11:1).**

101. Of Great Value to God

What are we to consider about the habits of ravens in (Luke 12:24)? **God feeds them and they do not sow or reap, worry, or become anxious for food.**

God feeds and cares for us and **creatures** alike, both are treasured by Him, but mankind is even more valuable.

Why do you think we should we not fret about having enough food and clothes? **God will take care of His family**

What are arrayed finely in the field? lilies (Luke 12:27).

102. Staggered Not

Abraham believed God through faith and **staggered** not at His promises.

A child of God is to stand strong in the **Lord** and in the power of His **might** (Ephesians 6:10).

When we read **(Psalm 22:4)** we know that others before us trusted in God's promises and God **delivered** them.

What does to be fully persuaded mean? **Without harboring any unbelief, sure, certain**

What is the biblical definition of imputed righteousness? **Imputed righteousness is that God gave us His righteousness and He took our debt of sin upon Himself, though we did not deserve His mercy and grace.**

103. Ripping Apart A Roof

These men in (Mark 2:1-4) went out of their way in bringing a sick man to meet the Lord by doing what? **Carrying him to a house and not being able to enter in the door carried him upon the roof and dropped him down in the house at Jesus's feet.**

Is there a time you have went out of your way in bringing another to meet Christ? ****personal question** Yes, and I hope we all have and will continue to do so.**

What did Jesus do when he met these people who were brought before Him? **Their faith had saved this man. He said "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee..."**

Is mankind supposed to bring others front and center before Christ today in this age of grace? **Yes, by all means necessary and available!**

104. Spiritual Capitalism

Who benefits from God's divine brand of spiritual capitalism? **Every soul**

What often seems like winners in this world can often be losers in eternity, why is the first last and the last first in the eternal realm? **This is God's brand of capitalism which gives rewards and blessings according to obedience and spiritual condition of the heart. This is the exact opposite of those aligned with the god of this world and his dark desires and reward system.**

Where do people look for success in this world? **Money, careers, philanthropy, family, children**

Where can a man look for success that lasts forever? **One place, God.**

Does God's spiritual capitalism reward all mankind with a trophy, like is done for sports teams, even for members who sit the bench, in this world? **No, rewards are reserved for those who place faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ on Calvary and walk worthy. Faith without action is foolish (James 2:17).**

105. No Dividends in Idolatry

Who was Dagon? **An idol**

What is a graven image, an idol, a molten calf? **An idol is an object worshipped (instead of God) by mankind.**

Why did the nation of Israel make idols and disregard God's commandment concerning them? **They wanted to "do their own thing" and disregarded God.**

What are some idols that people serve today rather than God? **Money, careers, kids, status, self ...**

106. Beyond Bearing

Does "I can do all things through Christ" mean that Paul could do whatever he wanted? **No, but all things according to God's will upon his life.**

What is the source of Paul's strength in making such a profound statement? **God's indwelling power and presence at work in his heart and personal life experience in proving this to be true.**

Why was Paul content in the midst of such trials, troubles, and difficult circumstances? **He had the peace of God at work in his life and was without anxiety and content in his circumstances whatever they might be at any given moment.**

Is there any situation or person beyond bearing in this world for a sincere child of God? **No, any situation a man of God can find peace and contentment.**

107. Building with Wisdom

The foundation or building blocks must be present for a building to have a firm and formidable base. The same is true in **building a personal relationship with God.**

We are **laborers** together with God according to **(1 Corinthians 3:9).**

(Colossians 2:7) says we are to be **rooted, built up,** and **stablished** as we walk in Him.

108. He Prays for Thine

Who does Jesus Christ pray for and come before God? **Every child of God as an intercessor.**

Was this done just in biblical times or does Jesus Christ continually do this today? **In Old Testament times the priest would be an intercessor between man and God. After Calvary there was no longer a need for an intercessor or priest to come before God for Jesus Christ goes before His Father in Heaven for every regenerate soul.**

Praying for others is intercessory prayer. Does Jesus Christ pray, or intercede for every person in this world before His Father? **Every saved soul**

Every soul belongs to God through Jesus Christ (John 17:10) and He desires to be **glorified in them**.

109. Establish Godliness

God is directing the nation Israel to seek **peace** and flee from **evil** (**Psalm 34-12-16**)

What does the Lord require in (**Micah 6:8**)? **Do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly**.

In (**Romans 7:15-16**) the Apostle Paul candidly speaks about the struggles with his carnal flesh. How does he describe fleshly fights? **Romans 7:15-16 (KJB) For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. 16 If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good.**

What struggles with your flesh do you face, as Israel did, and Paul did? What do you battle on a continual basis? ****personal answer** Every person struggles with sin often on a minute by minute basis.**

When will our fleshly struggles end? **When we are in eternal fellowship with God.**

110. God is Calling

Who is God calling; His own people, Gentiles, or whosoever will hear? All mankind, whoever.

This is both a calling for salvation and to quench spiritual thirst with **living** water taken freely (**Revelation 22:17**).

The Lord offers **rest** for souls (**Jeremiah 6:16**), but some resist God's call then and today.

Love for God calls us to keep His commandments and doing so is not **grievous** (**1st John 5:3**).

111. Bondage and Freedom

This scripture verse, though it is set in the Old Testament, can and should be applied today in this New Testament avenue of Grace. The only way to Heaven was paved by the **substitutionary death** of Jesus Christ.

God desires for each of us to be set free from the burden of sin. God was gracious to His **own people** the Jewish people.

Where did God give His people a wall according to (Ezra 9:9)? In **Judah** and **Jerusalem**.

Where were the Jewish people able to return to because of the mercy of God? **to Jerusalem from captivity**.

112. It Is Written

Who is to live by **God** alone? **Every person**

Can we cherry pick or choose what words of God we believe and trust in? **No, we are to have faith and simply believe in His Word despite anything and everything.**

Where is Jesus as He speaks these words in (Matthew 4:4)? **Being tempted by the devil**.

Who is Jesus speaking too in this verse? **satan**

113. "Spiritual Hucksters"

Who sought (and seeks today) to corrupt God's Word? **Those with evil hearts in opposition to God.**

Who is willing to speak the Truth of God and dispel false doctrines, then and today? **Sincere children of God who find it natural to talk about and with God.**

The Apostle Paul is a **called** preacher of Christ.

Explain both the savor of death and the savor of life. **A child of God emits an aroma of life, while a child aligned with the god of this world emits an odor of death in his life.**

114. A Called-Out Assembly

What are the four descriptive terms given by the Apostle Peter in verse 9 concerning children of God? **A chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, and a peculiar people.**

What has God called His children out of? **From darkness to His light.**

What nation and people did God choose? **Judah** and the Jewish people as His own.

Why did God set aside them as His own? **Jesus Christ was born a Jew.**

115. Marriage is Serious

What was the abomination committed in Israel concerning marriage? Men chose to marry daughters of a strange god.

Why was God upset with the choices concerning marriage? **It went against His will in choosing a wife.**

Do you think God still place emphasis on these aspects of marriage today? **Yes, God has a plan for every person's life.**

What is considered being unequally yoked in a marriage relationship? **Marriage of a saved and an unsaved heart.**

Do you think that many people see marriage today as God has always, and will always see it? **As time goes by less people see the importance of having a biblical based marriage. Nor do they understand it is used as a picture of Jesus Christ and His Bride.**

116. A Malefactor

What scene is unfolding in this 18th chapter of John? **The soldiers and Judas were looking for Jesus to arrest Him. They found Him in the garden.**

What is a malefactor? **A criminal**

Why is Jesus being called a malefactor important? **Jesus Christ was arrested unnecessarily for He committed no crime but was treated as a criminal.**

What more common terms today might one use in describing Jesus in this light today? **A criminal, a troublemaker, felon**

117. A Woman Brake Him

Who is Abimelech? **A prideful man**

What strong tower that was in the city? **Tower of Thebez**

What did Abimelech do about this strong tower? **Attempted to knock it down.**

Who was this woman mentioned and what did she do and why? **A certain woman whose name is never mentioned. Who she was is not important but what she did was.**

118. Failure Not Final

Why might a person, especially a spiritually lost person, consider severe trials and failures as final rather than stepping stones to greater opportunities? **He or she has no hope for a better future.**

What does the Apostle Peter tell us we, as Christians, do when we face trials? **Consider them with joy, stand in faith, and persevere in God's strength and power.**

What should a trial do for a sincere professing Christian? **Mature his faith and stretch his perseverance and longsuffering.**

Why do trials most often affect and show in the life of a lost hearted person much differently than they do genuine hearted Christians? **A child of God relies on His power and strength and a lost heart has no strength and hope and tries to stand in his weakness.**

119. The Heavenly Temple

What was the setting of verse 19? **John was given an opportunity to appear into Heaven and was describing what he saw there that God allowed him to reveal.**

What trumpet had just sounded? **The seventh trumpet**

What is about to take place **judgment**

Who is describing these events taking place to come sometime in the future in fulfilling prophecy? **The Apostle John**

120. A Gravely Ill Child

Whose child was gravely ill? **King David**

Do we know for sure What caused this illness? **No, but it could have been a consequence of his sin. The Bible does not record what caused this illness.**

What conclusions might some people come to regarding the cause of this illness which could perhaps be true? **It was likely because of his sinful relationship with Bathsheba some conclude.**

Does our sin affect future generations? **Yes, no, and why do you think that? Sin affects everything including both creation and creatures on this earth.**

121. Noah Took God's Word

Who was Noah and why did he take God's word with faith? **Noah was a man who placed faith in God and was obedient to His will for his life.**

What is a biblical definition of faith? **Trusting in God despite immediate circumstances as found in Hebrews 11:1 (KJB) Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.**

How does the world define faith? **Trust placed in something or someone. The popular definition in this world often leaves God out of the equation.**

Who else is included, with Noah, in the Bible's Faith Hall of Fame in Hebrews 11? **Abel, Enoch, Abraham, and Sara.**

122. Drive Thru Professions

Who never comes to an applicable knowledge of Jesus Christ? **Those who make false professions of faith.**

What must a person know about Jesus Christ in order to have a sincerely applicable relationship with Him? **That He is who He says He is and will do what He says He will do. Anotherwards, a person must see Him as He is and always will be as God.**

Where must a Knowledge of Jesus Christ travel and set to begin an eternal personal relationship with Him? **Head knowledge of God must move south to settle in the heart of the matter. Knowing about God is not the same as knowing Him personally in the heart.**

Why is just head knowledge about Jesus Christ not enough to personally know Jesus Christ? **Even dark spirits know who God is but they do not personally know Him in their heart. Read Acts 19:13-16, Mark 5:7.**

123. Many Are Going to Hell

What can a child of God do when troubled by things in this world? **Focus on the goodness and grace given of God and His peace that passeth understanding knowing for sure that he is going to Heaven and not Hell.**

Where does a lost person focus when troubles surround him or her? **His immediate circumstances.**

What do you think about when you imagine the place being prepared for you in eternity? **It has a calming peaceful effect and hope for the future.**

What is the biblical based definition of the word dwelling in this verse? **Royal homes in the eternal city of God, mansions.**

124. Your Leadership Style

Who is the greatest among men? **Humble men of God**

What place should God occupy in a professing Christian's heart who is also an earthly leader? **God deserves to be in first place in every man's heart.**

Where do lost people look for direction in leading others in this world? **Celebrities, mega personalities, political arena, sports stars, television and movies....**

Why is it best to lead from one's knees? **A man on his knees has spoken with God and is humble in nature.**

125. Joseph Knew Mary Not

Joseph received direction from God via an angel. How did Joseph respond concerning Mary? **Joseph responded in faith.**

Why was Joseph's response in faith important for Mary's impending birth of this child? **He was not the father of her baby but did not seek to announce this or leave her, nor did he understand this situation but remained faithful in God.**

Explain what it means that Joseph knew Mary not. **He had no physical relations with her prior to the birth of Jesus and was not in any way considered to be the father of her baby.**

126. Divine Love and Hate

Who is Esau and what does his life point to today? Esau is a twin son of Isaac and Abraham and Sara are his grandparents. From the line of Esau came the Edomites. He was born a red and hairy child and was a hunter. His birth right and blessing was taken from him by his brother. This birthright dilemma still causes conflict within Eastern nations to this day. Isaac loved and favored Esau.

Who is Jacob and what does his life represent for us today? Jacob is the twin brother of Esau and Abraham and Sara are his grandparents. His life points to deception and sin for he tricked his father, in cahoots with his mother Rebecca, into giving him the family blessing that was to go to his brother the first-born of twins. This deception wrought rivalry that still affects people born in some Eastern nations to this today. Rebecca loved Jacob.

Why was Jacob a man after God's heart? God chose Jacob over Esau while he was still in the womb, revealing that the younger brother shall serve the older brother according to His divine purpose (**Genesis chapter 25**), having nothing to do with works, for Jacob was still in the womb at this point. God chose simply to use Jacob rather than Esau to accomplish His will.

Why did God hate Esau? God preferred Israel, or Jacob, over Edom, or Esau (Malachi 1:2). God can choose one person, one tribe, one nation over another without having to explain or defend His will with any man. We accept this in faith.

Describe the love of God and why He also has the capacity to hate. God loves sin and hates evil. God loves mankind. God has unconditional love for all mankind. He also has a will that a man cannot understand from his limited viewpoint on this earth and can and will bring it about according to His way.

127. Faith in God

Give a biblical definition of placing faith in God. Faith in God is trusting in Him and His power, despite any circumstance at work in this world. Faith is defined by God in Hebrews 11:1.

Describe what kind of faith is often exercised in this world by lost hearts? Faith at work in this world, without God, is faith placed in people and things rather than in the sure foundation given of God. When placing faith in God we can be sure He will do what He says. Faith in things and people are fleeting.

What does it mean that Enoch was translated? Risen to Heaven by God supernaturally without death.

Can a person please God without trusting in Him? No, trust in God is the foundation in pleasing God.

128. Dynamics of Death

What does "return to the ground" mean? Physical death

Does this apply to each person alive in this world? Yes, physical death will come to all mankind.

Who wrote the book of Ecclesiastes and what did he pen about the spirit of man upon death? King Solomon wrote Ecclesiastes and spoke of every physical body returning to this earth upon death.

Do you believe that God's Word and Science agree about the makeup of mankind being nothing more than the components of dust of the ground? Yes, I believe God and Science has proved what He said is true.

129. Moved by Godly Fear

The presence of fear either paralyzes or promotes action.

What caused Noah to act and what did he do? Fear and reverence for God.

What are the two types of fear mentioned in this devotion? Godly fear and respect and world-based fear.

Define the two types of fear using scripture verses. Godly fear is when a godly person to place faith in God with respect to His power and promises (**Hebrews 11:7, Psalm 56:3, Joshua 1:9, Psalm 118:6, 1st Peter 5:7 and many other verses**). World based fear has hope in things of this world and anxiety towards things of God for they do not understand or see God at work and place emphasis on their immediate circumstances (**Philippians 4:6, Matthew 6:25-34**).

130. Less Than His Best

What two things was the nation of Israel instructed to do in (**1st Samuel 12:24**) and is this teaching still relevant for us today? Fear the Lord and serve Him in truth.

When considering all things God has done for us, both individually and collectively, what can it do for our outlook on life? It gives us hope for today and for our eternal future.

What is the context of (**Psalm 22**) and how can this prophecy, which already came to pass, affect your outlook today? **Psalm 22 is a prophecy foretold about the death of Jesus Christ on the cross at Calvary. This finished spiritual work gives every person hope that lasts through faith placed in God through His Son Jesus Christ.**

What is the context of (**Isaiah 53**) and how can the prophecy revealed here, which has already come to pass, affect your eternal outlook today? **This is the maltreatment and physical death of Jesus Christ foretold. This prophecy did happen just as was told in the Old Testament, giving credence to every promise and blessing of God, then and today.**

131. The Door of The Sheep

Who is speaking in (**John 10:7**)? **Jesus Christ**

Other I AM phrases are found in John chapter ten, what are they? **I am the door of the sheep, I am the Good Shepherd.**

Explain "I am the door of the sheep..." as was recorded in (**John 10:7**). **We are the sheep, Jesus Christ is the door. He is the only way to Heaven.**

Who was the sheep pointing to, then and now? **mankind**

132. But God Was

Who is speaking of the past being under the influence of the Holy Spirit in pointing to the Old Testament in (**Acts 7:9**)? **Stephen**

What do you think was the purpose in referring to Joseph and his brothers? **The treatment of Joseph by his own brothers and the care, preference, and position God gave him in these circumstances.**

What is the setting of (**Acts chapter 7**)? **Stephen is accused of blasphemy in front of the high priest. He is soon stoned to death by a crowd of haters, who hated him and God.**

What does it mean that God was with Joseph? **God was with Joseph in Spirit in his heart.**

133. To Dress and Keep It

Who was the man God created? **Adam**

What was the job God gave this man to do? **To dress and keep the Garden of Eden.**

Where do you think the Garden of Eden is today? **In the fertile crescent with the Nile, Tigris, and Euphrates River flowing nearby to provide precious water making productive soil.**

Does God have a job(s) for every person to do in this world? **Yes, God has a will concerning every person's life.**

134. Of the Same Bloodline

All blood lines in this world can be traced back to who? **Adam, and to creation by God.**

Why was the tracing of one's blood line necessary in ancient times? **Ancestry proved land ownership, heritage, and lineage important in receiving blessings, power, and position in ancient times.**

Where do the thoughts of discrimination and division by types and skin color come from if mankind collectively is of one blood line? **Comparing people to people and dividing according to thoughts and ideas of man, rather than looking to God where mankind is only either spiritually saved or lost.**

Who carried on this one bloodline of mankind after the flood? **Noah**

135. Obey Without Hesitation

Give a biblical definition of obedience. **Obedience is to be compliant to a decree or command. This can be a command of God or an authority figure in this world. An example of obedience in the Bible includes Jesus Christ's obedience to the will of His Father even unto death spoken of in (**Romans 5:19**).**

Name some obedient people mentioned in God's Word. **Noah, Joseph, Moses, Paul, Mary mother of Jesus, Joseph Mary's husband, and many others were compliant to the will of God in their life, though no one person, except Jesus Christ in the flesh, can be 100% compliant this side of perfection in eternity.**

Did obedience to God make their lives free from persecution and trials? **YES NO and why? We can expect trials and tribulations while we sojourn in this world, (**John 16:33**).**

Like these disciples in (**Matthew 21:6**), we too are to be obedient without hesitation or resort to asking God multiple questions, why is this true? **We only need to hear and do what God desires of us, communicating in prayer with Him, according to His will upon our life. God works out all the details and we just need to place our trust in Him. This is much easier to speak about than to put into play in our own lives on daily basis, but God makes heart felt obedience possible.**

136. Fear God and Live

Why should a spiritually regenerated person not fear anyone who can kill the body? **Because the body will perish but the soul can live forever. No person can kill a soul, (Luke 12:4-5) only God can cast a soul into Hell.**

What can no man change in any way concerning a child of God? **His eternal address.**

Why, on the other hand, should all mankind fear God? **God can cast a soul into the fires of Hell or preserve a soul forever inside sweet spiritual fellowship with Him.**

Why, sadly, do many people choose not to fear God but become weak in the knees towards things of this world? **Many choose to ignore the power and presence of God, place Him on the back burner, or simply have no fear of Him, however, that is giving oneself a sure sentence of death rather than obtaining eternal life given to all mankind by God. Many love their sin more than they desire to love and savor things of God.**

137. Not the Work of Men

Where does all scripture originate? **Inspired of God.**

What is the difference between words being a work of mankind and scripture being "God-breathed?" **Words of God are divinely inspired while words of man are merely words of opinion, reasoning, and world- based intellect.**

What will happen to words of man, as well as the divine words of God when this world is destroyed? **God's Words will last forever but words of mankind in this world will be destroyed.**

(**Psalm 12:6-7**) tells us that God's Words are **pure** words purified **seven** times, impossible with words used in this world.

138. Verbally Inspired Words

Whose words were inspired of God? **King David**

Define words being verbally inspired of God. In ancient times God gave words to a person according to His will for speaking prophecy, direction, commandments to others. There are no new revelations today in this age of grace, as all things have been spoken and recorded.

Why was Zechariah's mouth zippered shut for a time by God? God zippered his mouth because he chose to not believe what God revealed to him.

Name others mentioned in the Bible who inspired of God to write or speak as God directed them. **Isaiah, Elisha, Elijah, Samuel, King David, The Apostles, Moses, Abraham, Noah, Jonah...**

139. God Perfectly Prepares

"God is the God of **peace** who brought **Jesus Christ** back from the dead..." "through the blood of the everlasting **covenant**..." (**Hebrews 13:20**)

What does the Bible have to tell us about the perfecting work of God? After you suffer for awhile (**1 Peter 5:10**) he will **make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.**

In (**John 10:11**) the **Good Shepherd** giveth his **life** for the **sheep.**

140. Who is The Greatest

Who will be the greatest in the kingdom of heaven according to (**Matthew 18:3-5**)? **Whoever is least in this world.**

(**Luke 14:11**) gives God's spiritual recipe for being elevated in the eyes of God, which is: **To be sincerely humbled before Him.**

Being considered great has nothing to do with ourselves but lies with **God.**

141. Gird Up Your Mind

Give a biblical definition for girding up your mind. **In the Bible it is recorded about girding the stomach with sackcloth in **Isaiah 3:24 (KJB)** And it shall come to pass, that instead of sweet smell there shall be stink; and instead of a girdle a rent; and instead of well set hair baldness; and instead of a stomacher a girding of sackcloth; and burning instead of beauty. **Girding simply means a binder for****

the stomach. This word is also found in **Isaiah 22:12 (KJB)** And in that day did the Lord GOD of hosts call to weeping, and to mourning, and to baldness, and to girding with sackcloth.

The word sober in God's Word means **to live a temperate sober life and (not always to do with alcohol consumption) but can be used in describing a moderate lifestyle absent of alcohol, or to mean not wild and out of control.** This word is found in these verses: 2Co 5:13; 1Th 5:6,8; 1Ti 3:2,11; Tit 1:8; Tit 2:2,4,6; 1Pe 1:13; 1Pe 4:7; 1Pe 5:8.

Why are we called to be sober as we sojourn in this world? **God desires His children be moderate, sensible, and temperate in their day to day living and not be subject to excess, whether it be in garnering attention, poor attitude or actions.**

"Hope and wait quietly for the salvation of **the Lord** this instruction comes from what verse? **Lamentations 3:26.**

142. God's Judgement

A whirlwind of the Lord points to the **judgment** of God.

A whirlwind brings destruction to the **sinner** as it falls grievously on their head.

When God sends destruction there is **no** limit to His presence and power.

God's judgement is **fast, furious** and will be **final**.

143. Body, Soul, Spirit

What is "sanctify you wholly..." **Clean your spirit perfectly and blameless as in 1 Thessalonians 5:23.**

What is preserve blameless. **Every regenerated soul.**

What is the inheritance of those who are sanctified? **Acts 20:32 Eternal life**

Explain the difference between an eternal position in Christ and a daily walk and practice with Him. **An eternal position is God's placement of your soul into His spiritual family. Once in, no soul will ever be cast out. A daily walk is a day to day relationship with God as a person sojourns in this world. Upon death the physical body goes to the grave and all souls return to their Father God.**

144. Groaning About Sin

What is being "subject to vanity..." as found in (**Romans 8:20**)? **The creature**

What gives a man or woman of God hope for their future? **Fellowship with God forever in eternity.**

As stated in (**Revelation 22:3-5**), what will take away the curse one day soon? **The Lamb, Jesus Christ**

What and who are naturally subject to the curse in this world? **Everything in creation, mankind from birth, creatures, and created living things (plants) are subject to sin and death.**

145. One Soul Makes A Difference

Who was asking God in (**Genesis 18:29-32**) about finding righteous hearts in this world? **Abraham**

God does not play a "spiritual numbers game" for His Word does what in (**Isaiah 55:11**) despite any untoward circumstances toward Truth? **Goeth forth**

God's mercy is so great that perhaps He would not choose to destroy this earth if even **one faithful person** is found.

Why is knowing about the extent of His mercy in ancient times important for us today? **Because God does not change (Hebrews 13:8) and He can and will be as merciful with us today.**

(**Ephesians 3:20**) gives us an idea of the unlimited presence and the power **working in us is of God** and reaching even one soul makes a world of difference!

146. The Ultimate Authority

It can be said that authority begins and ends with God. **True** false

I will make my **first born** higher than the kings of this earth said **God** in (**Psalms 89:27**).

A person alive in this world can choose to be subject to God or not, however, Jesus has been given all power on **earth** and in **Heaven**

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"**Angels** and **authorities** and **powers** being made subject unto him..." (**1st Peter 3:22**).

147. A Good Question

In this verse (**Acts 7:26**): "he shewed himself unto them as they strove..." who is he and them who strove? **Moses and two unnamed men**.

What were these two men fighting about? **The Jewish man was suffering wrong at the hand of the Egyptian or being persecuted as Moses observed this take place.**

In (**Exodus 2:14**), an ancient example of "do not judge me..." What did Moses say about being questioned? **Exodus 2:14 (KJB) And he said, Who made thee a prince and a judge over us? intendest thou to kill me, as thou killedst the Egyptian? And Moses feared, and said, Surely this thing is known.**

What had Moses done in anger making him flee? **Moses had killed this Egyptian man in anger who was persecuting a Jewish man. Neither man's name was given in scripture.**

Overall, Moses had spiritual business in his own life with God because of his anger towards another rather than choosing **righteous judgment (judging himself first), Moses killed him**. These two men striving also needed to find **unconditional** love towards one another.

148. Like A Bear Plucks

Eternal life is living **forever**. The consequence of sin and death has been **removed forever**.

Who cannot be "plucked out" of His hand? **Any spiritually regenerated soul**.

Who can receive the gift of **life** and find **eternal life**?

A new life in Christ is a relationship that lasts **forever**.

Just as sheep are kept in a sheep cote by a shepherd, God protects **His own children**.

149. A Deadly Decision

Who are Nadab and Abihu? **Sons of Aaron the Priest**

What was the strange fire that they offered unto God? **Offerings not acceptable to God**.

Why was this not acceptable to God? **They were strange offerings, or not offered according to the structure of God's Law. They were not pleasing to God.**

Why can't a child of God offer to Him whatever they want or what pleases them? **God has given us His expectations and will and we are not to follow our own will in any matter and expect to be pleasing unto Him.**

150. Cut Off and Cast Away

Does God really mean for a person to pluck out his right eye if it offends? **No, this was a figure of speech used as a vehicle in teaching a lesson.**

What does this example of plucking out an eye really point to? **Separating from a church congregation of a member(s) who are opening sinning and not in unity with God, the pastor, and the congregation.**

The church cannot tolerate sin among members and separation from a sinner is a necessary division as a sinner **chooses to willingly ignore** God and must be disciplined accordingly.

151 Your New Identity

The Apostle Paul was not stating that he was already perfect, or that he had attained perfection on his own, but that **he was perfect inside a personal relationship with Christ**.

In the present tense the only way a person can be perfect is **in Christ**.

Where and when will a man be made perfect? **Upon his or her physical death and entering into eternity.**

What is a new identity in Christ? **A new spiritual eternal life in agreement with God about sin and identifies with Him.**

152. Trusting God's Word

Why do you think that many people are motivated by their own interests rather than trusting in God's interests? **Many live according to the desires of the flesh rather than spiritually in tune with God.**

A subjective and liberal look at things of God lead directly to loss of direction and hope and believing in **doctrines of devils** and **seducing spirits** according to **(1st Timothy 4:1)**.

Lost hearts walk after their own desires, but **walking godly** is for the humble.

It is true, **eagles** gather at the carcass.

153. Prophecy Is of God

Who is speaking in John 6:36-40? **Jesus Christ**

What was the will of His Father? **For Him to come down from Heaven and as was recorded for us in John 6:40 (KJB) And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.**

When can you say "NO" to God? **A sincere child of God will desire to say "yes" to God much more than "no." Yes agrees with God spiritually while no agrees with the nature of self and the god of this world.**

What is free will as opposed to God's will? **Every person has been given free will in choosing to agree with God and desire to serve Him, or to say no to God and desire to serve his or her flesh. God does not collar any person into serving Him.**

154. Saved and Serving

The Apostle Paul was not stating that he was already perfect, or that he had attained perfection on his own, **but that God sees him as perfect inside a personal relationship with Him.**

In the present tense the only way a person can be perfect is **inside a personal relationship with God.**

Where and when will a man be made perfect? **Upon his or her physical death and entering eternity.**

What is a new identity in Christ? **It is a regenerated spiritual nature at work in a quickened heart that agrees with the nature of God and identifies with Him.**

155. Every Work Revealed

What can a man hide from God? **Not a thing.**

Some hearts are spiritually lost, while others are spiritually **lukewarm** or lazy about serving God.

Spiritual folly will be **manifest** according to **(2 Timothy 3:9)**, unto **all** men.

Even the **hearts** of **man** will be revealed **(Luke 2:35)**.

156. "Strange Marriages"

What is a strange marriage according to God's Word? **One that is not aligned inside His parameters for marriage.**

In **Ezra chapter 9** God spoke of the abominations of the people and in the beginning of **chapter 10** the people were **weeping sore** and in a **humbled** stance before God.

Marriage is a picture of the spiritual union between **God** and mankind and should not ever be taken lightly.

157. God's "Spiritual Laundry"

What was David pleading to God about? For the removal of sin at work in his heart.

Define **sanctification** from God's Word. **The word sanctification is found in 1Co 1:30; 1Th 4:3-4; 2Th 2:13; 1Pe 1:2.** The meaning is the act of making a soul holy. **This is accomplished by God in removing of the presence of sin a man recognizes and confesses unto Him.**

1st Corinthians 6:11 says that a man of God will be washed, sanctified, justified

In the name of Jesus Christ and the Spirit of God.

“Spiritual laundry”, or cleansing of God, is removal of sin.

158. Belief in God

If you know Jesus Christ, you know His Father God.

It is true, head knowledge does not always equate to heart knowledge of God.

Why does a profession of faith not always equate to a person relationship with God? Some people make false professions about knowing God in the excitement of an emotional moment or after praying an insincere prayer to God. God always knows the heart of the matter.

159. Doctrinal Conflicts and Questions

What was the controversy which arose with these certain men mentioned in (Acts 15:1)? Circumcision and adhering to the strictness of God’s Law.

Define who are the Pharisees. The Pharisees were men accustomed to adhering to traditions and every jot and tittle of the law (works).

What does circumcision mean among these ancient Jewish men? To follow the letter of the law.

Why are the beliefs of the Pharisees not in line with what is taught in God’s Word? God fulfilled His Law in the New Testament Covenant through the sacrifice of His Son Jesus Christ. A man cannot possibly keep the law of God in his own merit and in his own works but must rely upon the grace and mercy of God. The book of Galatians has a lot to say about attempting to keep the law and a personal relationship with God based on grace.

160. Hijacking Truth of God

Define what are false prophets mentioned in God’s Word? Those who desire to subvert the Truth of God into lies in opposition to the Truth of God.

What does “deliver you up to the counsels...” “and “they will scourge you...” mean in (Matthew 10:17)? It meant to be handed over to a court system which would give a sentence of scourging or flogging.

What is sheep’s clothing and what does it mean in context to a false prophet? A covering to hide a man’s real nature at work in his heart. Nothing is hidden from God but may fool mankind.

What three things does (Philippians 3:2) instruct a man to be aware of, and why? Dogs, evil workers, and the concision because these are people who will attempt to change your beliefs to following that which is false and against the Truth of God. Just like wolves and dogs will attempt to catch stray sheep and eat them.

What does Psalm 119:11 instruct a man or woman of God to do with His Word? Study it and hide it in their heart.

161. A Rod and Reproof

What does the rod and reproof bring to a child as written in (Proverbs 29:15)? Wisdom

Failing to apply rod and reproof brings what to a mother according to (Proverbs 29:15)? shame

What promise is found in (Proverbs 22:6)? A child brought up in godliness will not leave it but remember it.

What is chastening and what does it ultimately bring, though it can be unpleasant for a time, into a person’s life? Chastening is correction with a godly purpose.

162. A Cog in The Machine

Why is a child of God to be sober and vigilant according to (1st Peter 5:8)? Because the devil is waiting to trick us and deceive us and we must be prepared.

What three things does (1 Peter 1:13) mention a person should do as he or she lives inside the grace of God in this world? Be sober (spiritually), gird up your mind, and have hope.

What are some of the “cogs” mentioned in the above verses which are the dark work of the devil in this world? Needless worry, lukewarm Christians, not paying attention, not knowing God’s Word and giving room for the devil’s tricks to deceive us....

163. Never Perplexed or Powerless

Who is speaking to Jeremiah in (**Jeremiah 32:27**)? **The Lord**

Please explain “the God of all flesh...” in (**Jeremiah 32:26**). **The Creator and Sustainer of all faithful mankind and He has all authority over those who do not know or refuse to acknowledge Him.**

Is there anything that is impossible for God? **No**

164. He Encampeth About

Who is referred to by David in (**Psalms 34:7**) who “encampeth about...”? **The Angel of the Lord who is Jesus Christ**

This Psalm is one of **protection** and **deliverance** in times of trouble and trials.

In **2nd Kings 6:17**, **Elisha** found hope in the midst of trouble.

Who opened the prison doors to free Peter and other disciples who were tossed in prison (**Acts 5:19**). **The Angel of the Lord who was Jesus Christ**

Do you think the **Angel of the Lord** encampeth about you today? ****Personal Answer****

165. God’s Welfare Plan

Who is the Shepherd? **Jesus Christ**

What are green pastures? **Times of supernatural peace and prosperity**

Give some examples of still waters you have been given in your life. **** Personal Answer****

This entire Psalm shows the **peace** that King David has in the power, presence, and grace of God.

How is your assurance level in God’s spiritual welfare plan? ****Personal Answer****

166. Desperate Jochebed

What are bulrushes? And who was this desperate mother who placed her baby boy in a basket made with them? **Bushes growing near water.**

Who found this baby floating down the river and rescued him? **The daughter of Pharaoh.**

What was the reason the Pharaoh decreed all baby males under the age of two were to be killed? **He desired to kill all males of that age in hopes of killing the new born King.**

When Jesus was born, soon after, his family had to flee to **Egypt** because King **Herod** was seeking to kill him.

167. Identifying with Christ

Every person who professes a personal relationship with Christ will certainly face **trials** according to (**1 Peter 4:12**).

A child of God is to **rejoice** in suffering for Christ.

In fact, living a crucified life (**Galatians 2:20**) is not for **spiritual wimps** and **wannabees**.

(**Romans 5:3**) tells us that **trials** worketh **patience** meaning they are for our spiritual benefit.

168. Satisfied with Your Lot

The life principal contained in this verse is a secret to joy. Having **satisfaction** in life no matter the circumstances, is wonderful.

What is the biblical definition of the word satisfaction? **Pleasing, gratifying, state of peace Nu 35:31-32**

What happens often when a person is dissatisfied with their lot in life? **Dissatisfied, grumbly, sour, covetousness**

Godliness and **contentment** are two sides of the same spiritual coin.

169. Confront or Conform?

This verse takes into consideration the events of the preceding chapters about errors in doctrine and teaching as the Apostle Paul desires these church leaders deal **biblically** with a man who needs to be restored.

We are to bear the **infirmities** of the **weak** (**Romans 15:1**).

Why is this humbleness often easier to speak about and harder to carry out in restoring a person? **It is easier to explain than to apply to one's life.**

Even a **wayward** soul is precious to God (**Matthew 18:12-15**) and He will go to great lengths after one astray.

170. Cannot Redeem Another

Many people trust in their **own selves** and accumulation of **stuff** rather than God.

A man cannot **trust** in his riches, or purchase **salvation** for himself or others.

Give the biblical definition of redemption. Le 25:24,51-52; Nu 3:49; Ps 49:8; Ps 111:9; Ps 130:7; Jer 32:7-8; Lu 2:38; Lu 21:28; Ro 3:24; Ro 8:23; 1Co 1:30; Eph 1:7,14; Eph 4:30; Col 1:14; Heb 9:12,15 Redemption means to purchase, deliver sinners from the wrath of God

Jesus said: "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than **for a rich man to enter into the Kingdom of God...**"

171. Law of God Made Void

What did David plead about with God to do about in circumstances around him? **It was time for Him to work.**

What does "make void thy law" mean? **Many paid no attention to things of God and lived like there was no God or authority over them.**

Could the same be said of our world today and why? **Yes, very much so.**

The next verse, Psalm **119:127** gives us an answer in dealing with such apostasy in this world and Lukewarmness among the church which is to **esteem God more than fine gold.**

172. Such A Time as This

What does Mordecai remind Esther about who she was and her heritage? **Her Jewish heritage and that the King knew nothing about it.**

Did knowing this make any difference in Esther's approach to her husband the King? **No**

(**Matthew 16:24-25**) tells us that we must **deny ourselves** and **pick up our cross** and follow God.

173. A Truly Wise Man

The Spirit of God is found at work inside a regenerated man where? **Heart**

Why is the Spirit of God not at work inside the heart of a lost person? **A lost heart is not spiritually quickened alive or regenerated by God.**

The Spirit of God gives **eternal life.**

God can use foolish things to confound the world and **weak** things to confound the mighty. (**1 Corinthians 1:27**).

174. Spiritual Gain in Loss

Only with **God** can a person lose everything in this world and still have everything he needs for eternity.

When a person chooses to live on this earth for Christ he may suffer **physically** but he will mature **spiritually.**

A person may lose his **death, sin, encumbrance, spiritual baggage** and **fear**, but gain spiritually which will last forever.

175. Genuine Wisdom

How is wisdom of this world different than having wisdom of God? **Wisdom of this world is fleeting, it changes with the wind while God never changes, and we can count on Him in every circumstance. His wisdom is pure not adulterated and based on Truth rather than experiences in this world.**

How can a man get wisdom of God? **Ask God**

True or false: Wisdom of God gives life while knowledge of this world brings death?

Learning in this world is often based on personal experience while wisdom of God is based on? **Truth**

176. History, Heritage, Landmarks

The law of Moses dealt with boundary markers. It was illegal to remove them. Perhaps it should be illegal to tamper with or remove **markers** erected in this world?

Sadly, some people desire to remove the past, including important markers and even the **statutes** of some people, however, they cannot ever remove **true History**.

God has recorded in His Word that in ancient times there was a **consequence** for removing a landmark of another.

177. Mob Rule Existed

Paul's friends Gaius and Aristarchus were caught but The Apostle **Paul** could not be found in the middle of this riot.

These men were taken into a **theater**.

This crowd was unruly and used mob rule to cause **melee** and **great confusion** for pushing their own agenda of gods rather than God.

This kind of uproar can cause emotions to run high and Paul was **discouraged** from getting involved in this ancient melee.

178. A Toppled Statue

What does it mean to appease someone? Pacify, smooth things over with them, conciliate

Why did this town clerk try to placate this riotous mob himself? **So he would not get in trouble.**

The statue was of **Diana** one of the popular gods of this ancient city.

Certainly, Paul and his men did not agree with the crowds, nor desire to **worship** a god made with hands.

179. Paul's Prayer

To whom did Paul address this letter? **From He and Timotheus to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons.**

What was the gift given to the Apostle Paul? **It is not clear, but perhaps it was a financial gift.**

What did the Apostle Paul specifically pray about concerning the love of these men? **That it would grow and mature in things of God.**

What do you think Paul meant by "all judgement..." in **(Philippians 1:9)**? **That their love would grow in all things including biblical based judgement.**

What does **(Philippians 1:10)** speak of concerning proper judgement for these men in ancient biblical times and applicable for us today? **Be sincere and judge without offense and approve things which are excellent.**

What is walking "without offense..." as Paul spoke of in (Philippians 1:10)? **Blameless, pure, innocent**

180. A Spiritual Giant

What is the setting of this chapter and this verse? **David was about to face a giant.**

Who does David trust in to save him from certain harm? **God who had already delivered him from a bear and a lion.**

Who did David give credit to in his delivery from facing this potentially deadly situation, his own merit, or to **God**?

Have you ever faced a situation that seemed like it would end in certain death but your life was spared, like David, explain ****Personal Question****

181. Sixteen Short Words

What does it mean that "Abraham believed God..." **Abraham trusted God, esteemed His Words**

Could Abraham have achieved righteousness on his own accord? **No** Can you be righteous without God? **No** Why? **Without God a man has no merit of his own to boast about.**

What does it mean to be a child of Abraham, then and today? **In the spiritual family of God.**

Define the word righteousness. **Holiness, purity, of which can only be found inside a personal relationship with God.**

Define the word imputed. **Charged to the account of, credited, our sin and all sin was charged to the account of Jesus Christ.**

182. Dearest to Your Heart

What is the Apostle Paul saying about things of this world? **None of them have any real value.**

Why does he count them as dung? **They are worthless when compared to things of God.**

The Apostle Paul's most valuable treasure was what? **Knowledge of Jesus Christ.**

Name some things of this world that Paul lost, or willingly gave up in following Christ. **Everything**

What about you, what have you given up in your personal walk with Christ? ****Personal Question****

183. Nothing's Too Hard

What does it mean "going through the eye of the needle..." as was expressed by these Jewish men? **Find the narrow way to Heaven with Jesus Christ. Many trample the wide path of this world.**

Why is it mentioned when discussing great financial means and sincere salvation? **Riches often can get in the way of salvation of the heart.**

Does this mean there are few rich people to be found in Heaven? **It is hard for a rich person to see their need to rely and trust in God when their money can buy whatever they want and need in this world and little though is given to eternity because a rich person often lives in the here and now.**

Is it still true to this day concerning great financial means and a personal relationship with Christ? **Yes, very much so.**

184. A "Spiritual Scent"

Why was the Apostle Paul not ashamed to proclaim Christ? **He was not afraid of what any person would say for he was not afraid to be ridiculed. He desired to wear the scent of Christ rather than the odor of this world.**

Why are some people, then and today, afraid to associate themselves being in a personal spiritual relationship with Christ? **Embarrassed or ashamed to identify with Christ.**

Why did the Apostle Paul mention both the Jews and the Greeks? **To include all people.**

Do you speak to others about Christ? ****Personal Answer****

185. Do You Wear A Girdle?

What is a girdle and why was it worn in ancient biblical times? **A girdle is used to tuck tightly the abdomen and thighs.**

What does a girdle symbolize about a personal relationship with Jesus Christ? **To be tucked tightly, or wrapped inside a personal relationship with Christ. "Gird up your loins..." means to be wrapped tight and strengthened.**

Have you found strength and refuge inside a personal relationship with Christ having put on a "spiritual girdle" of Christ? ****Personal Answer****

186. Naturally Selfish

Other brethren as mentioned in **(2 Timothy 4:10)** were not suitable to send because: **Demas, for he loved this world.**

Do you struggle with selfishness at times? ****Personal Answer** This should be a "yes" answer for every one!**

God's will calls a person to be "God-centered" not **self centered.**

187, Truth Is Simple

Why did the Apostle Paul choose to use the example of the seduction of Eve in driving his point? **Because Eve was living in a "perfect atmosphere" with God and was seduced by satan.**

What does it mean that Eve was beguiled by satan? **Tricked or deceived**

The gospel of Christ stands at the opposite end of the spiritual spectrum from the deception of Eve, why? **God is Truth and the god of this world, satan, is the father of lies and deception.**

The gospel of Christ is naturally attractive while satan must use ploys and gimmicks to get the attention of mankind, **TRUE** or **FALSE**? Explain: **A heart prepared by God is naturally attracted to the Truth of God while satan must trick mankind into following Him. This is why a man must be prepared for satan's tricks with Truth of God so he will not be deceived.**

188, Sitting on The Fence

Biblically define adulterers and adulteresses. Ps 50:18; Jer 9:2; Jer 23:10; Ho 7:4; Mal 3:5; Lu 18:11; 1Co 6:9; Heb 13:4; Jas 4:4 **means guilty of adultery, idolatrous**

What does this have to do with sitting on the fence in this world? **Some people desire to have one foot in this world and the other in God's camp. God clearly states a man must choose between darkness and light for there is no in between.**

Why must a person choose to align with God or to flee from God, rather than try to put himself in the middle of both worlds? **There is no gray area. There is right and wrong and dark and light.**

Define a double standard. **This means having two beliefs which do not coincide or go together. This kind of standard fluctuates according to the situation at hand.**

189. God is In the Details

What is the setting of this Old Testament verse? **King Darius had made a decree and a search was underway to find this law.**

Why was a request made to search the archives? **To find this decree in writing so that the temple could be erected in Jerusalem.**

Where were these archives located? **In the king's palace.**

Is a decree the same as a commandment? **Yes, but no. God made decrees and commandments, but mankind makes laws and decrees, or ordinances, rulings and verdicts. Commandments are of God only.**

190. Geographical Path of Christ's Death

Define from the Bible what is ascension and descension: **Raise, as into Heaven, and descend, as into the lower parts of the Earth, or Hell.**

Why are these two words important in the death of Christ? **Death, burial, and resurrection and His ascension into Heaven after 40 days.**

Some people say that Christ went to Hell by claiming that the lower parts of the earth are used to mean Hell in this verse. Where is "lower parts of the earth"? **Some say that the lower parts of the earth are the burial into the ground while others say it is descending into Hell.**

Could it perhaps be the same place as was referred to as "Abraham's bosom" where souls from prior to Calvary went upon their death? **Yes, that is possible.**

191. Fire of Gossip

What is a talebearer? **A person who gossips and tells potential stories.**

What harm does a talebearer do to others? **Ruins trust and can harm the reputation of others.**

Define what a fire triangle is and what is necessary to produce a flame? **A fire needs oxygen, heat, and an oxidizing agent to make a fire. A gossip does not work on their own for they need listeners of gossip and slander.**

What is the way a person can extinguish the flame of a talebearer who comes to you telling tall tales or "juicy gossip"? **Refuse to listen and the fire goes out.**

The analogy of a fire placed this directive on the bottom shelf so that many could **hear** and **apply** it to their life.

192. Spiritual Fruit

Who was Amos and what did Amos reveal in these verses? **Amos was a prophet who revealed the Jewish people as fresh fruit who would rot and become rancid.**

What is the difference between a major prophet and a minor prophet, such as Amos? **Every prophet heard and proclaimed what God told them to prophesy. Major and minor was concerning the length of the books of the Bible.**

The news Amos prophesied about an earthquake was a picture of the God's judgment of against the Northern Kingdom of Judah, which would disappear because of **the continual presence of sin.**

193. Like A Spiritual Latte

Define goodness and mercy: **Attributes of God for spiritual well-being.**

Why should it be found forever in the life of every child of God? **Because these qualities are of the fruit or character and essence of God and a child of God desires to identify with Him.**

Name some deplorable times in the life of a godly intentioned man David, who penned this Psalm, when God's goodness and mercy covered his sin with grace: **Sin with Bathsheba, tried to get Uriah to sleep with his wife to cover for her becoming pregnant which he was at war, the killing of Uriah by sending him to the front lines, one sin (adultery) led to many other sins, but thank god his choices to sin were not fatal for God covered them with His unconditional love and grace.**